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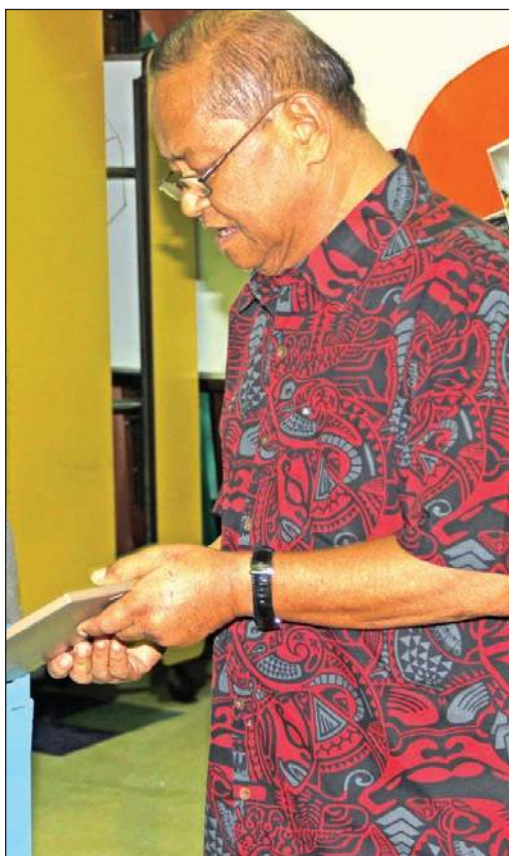
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Election sees huge turnout



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Independent candidate Heinz Hofschneider and his wife, Susan, are all smiles before stepping into the voting booth.



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Gov. Eloy S. Inos of the NMI Republican Party casts his vote at Kagman Elementary School.



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Independent gubernatorial candidate Juan N. Bauta casts his vote at the Garapan Elementary School cafeteria yesterday.



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Democratic gubernatorial candidates Edward M. Tofila Deleon Guerrero and Daniel O. Quitugua cast their ballots early at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe on Nov. 3, 2014.

» People already prepared for possible runoff

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Thousands made their voices heard in yesterday's peaceful general elections and special election for a third Saipan senatorial seat, but voters are already prepared to return to polling stations in the face of the strong possibility of a runoff gubernatorial race. **See ELECTION on Page 4**

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Alien workers' 'exiled' children return as voters

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U.S. citizen children who were "exiled" to foreign countries like the Philippines when their alien worker parents lost jobs and immigration status are slowly returning to the CNMI as adults and in fact are now exercising their right to vote.

Hanaderia Viray, 20, is proud to be a voter for the first time on Saipan. She voted at the general elections yesterday at the

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Brave new world for first-time voters

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At 62 years old, Chang Whan Jang, who teaches math at Hopwood Junior High School, voted for the first time in the CNMI yesterday. He became eligible to vote last summer, after 34

years living and working in the CNMI.

He said he was excited to take part in this year's election. He wants the next governor to be an honest leader who will "build for the future."

"This [CNMI] is part of the [United States]...so I will re-

ally want [CNMI] to be fair, and consistent with U.S. laws, even if we are out here," he said.

He said he would gladly take part in a runoff election if called for and hoped for "many more elections to come."

"I'm still healthy," he said.

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Smooth process seen in all election precincts

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Except for some minor issues, elections went smoothly at all polling stations in Tanapag, San Roque, Kagman, and Garapan.

Tanapag voting was held at

Tanapag Junior High School, the San Roque polling station was at the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, Kagman's was at the Kagman Elementary School, while Garapan's was at the Garapan Elementary School. In Kagman, election poll su-

pervisor Zenaida L. Santos said that, aside from a minor complaint about an absentee ballot, voting was generally peaceful and orderly, though a mite busy and tiring.

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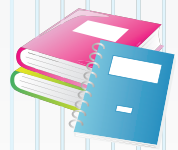
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First-time voters voice their opinion



Some first time voters pose for a photo at the Dandan voting site.

THOMAS MANGLONA II

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

First-time voters flocked to polling sites yesterday on elec-

tion day to cast their votes and have their voices heard.

One voter aid that her first voting experience was "fantastic and really fast."

Another first-time voter said she decided to vote to make her voice heard.

"I feel like this is my voice. This is the only way people will listen to my opinion," she told *Saipan Tribune* after cast-

ing her ballot.

The 18-year-old added that she voted "Yes" to House Legislative Initiative 18-12, which increases the Public School System's annual government appropriation by 10 percent.

"I voted for that because I am passionate about the students. I feel like this is a good cause that will really help schools and teachers. The schools really need renovations and more materials," she said.

One young male voter said he decided to vote yesterday to represent his age group and the youth of Saipan.

"I voted because I think it is important for all the young people to come out and be heard. Otherwise, we do not have a voice," he said. "I came out to vote just to exercise my rights. I wanted to know the feeling and experience the democratic process."

A first-time voter in Tanapag said she was excited to cast her ballot. She said her family didn't tell her who to vote for because she believes her vote is a personal choice.

"This is my first time voting but I know who to vote for. The candidates that I am voting for think about the younger generation more than just the old generation. We are the future for the CNMI and the candidates I am voting for know that, that's why I am voting for them," she said. (With Jayson Camacho)

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BSI says integrated casino project can create 9K jobs

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If its most optimistic plans push through, Best Sunshine International Ltd. is looking at employing as much as 9,000 individuals for its \$7.1-billion integrated casino on Saipan.

The exclusive Saipan casino licensee turned over last week a \$10-million ceremonial check to the CNMI government, representing utility assistance for residential customers of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

The subsidiary of Hong Kong-based Imperial Pacific International Holdings Ltd. may have another gift up its sleeve to CNMI residents if revised construction plans pushes the number of Best Sunshine's hotel rooms from the promised 2,000 rooms to 4,000 rooms.

Answering a recent criticism by one of the candidates running for governor, Best Sunshine senior vice president for corporate marketing Jacqueline Wu said people might have a different view of the company and the exclusive casino license agreement if they get a better grasp of what the future mega-project entails.

"For a four-star hotel room it would require two to three people to serve. That's just a rough industry estimate. So if we are building 4,000 rooms you can do your math, that's about 8,000 to 9,000 jobs," she told *Saipan Tribune* Thursday following the ceremonial check turnover at the Governor's Office conference room on Capital Hill.

Here's the kicker: Best Sunshine is not only looking to build a four-star resort, but a five-star one.

"Since what BSI is building is a five-star hotel it would require more quality service and staff. Of course, as a company that needs to ensure our service quality will meet the customers' expectations, we will need to put in more training facilities to ensure the people who would like to join us are equipped with the skills to serve the customers," said Wu, who will serve as guest speaker in today's Saipan Chamber of Commerce membership meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Under the Community Benefit Fund, Best Sunshine was obligated within 60 days of the issuance of the exclusive Saipan casino license to provide \$10 million in the form of "Commonwealth Utility Company" vouchers, which shall be distributed in consultation with the governor.

Other components of the Community Benefit Fund is that within 60 days of com-

mencing construction work on the first hotel in the integrated casino project, Best Sunshine should contribute \$20 million to "education, scholarships, infrastructure, health care, employee retirement benefits, as may be determined in consultation with the governor."

In addition, under the Saipan casino license agreement, Best Sunshine is required "upon the first full year of operation" to annually contribute \$20 million for community benefit programs (education, scholarships, infrastructure, health care, and employee retirement benefits) as again determined by the governor of the CNMI.

By **THOMAS MANGLONA II**
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Commonwealth Election supervisors were seen smoking on site at the Dandan Elementary School yesterday morning as CNMI residents lined up to cast their ballots.

One police officer and another election personnel wearing I.D cards labeled "Election Worker" or "Election Supervisor" were seen smoking near the entrances of the polling site. Later in the day, an offi-

cer was also seen smoking a cigarette outside the entrance of the same polling site while chatting with residents.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero said that CNMI law and school policy prohibits smoking on public and private school grounds.

"The law applies anytime a person is on school grounds. They are supposed to go outside the gate if they are going to do it," he told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview. "It does not matter what time of day it is. If it is dur-

ing school or after, you are not supposed to smoke there. They must go outside the gate."

He said the Commonwealth Election Commission should be informing their personnel to not smoke in schools that are designated as polling stations.

Public law forbids smoking in any courthouse, public or private school building, college, museum, library, airport building, waiting area of a healthcare facility, group child care center, school-aged day care center, family day care center or in any

public building, or of any open meeting of a governmental body.

Government officials and election commission officers seen at the polling area with the two smokers did not stop the officer and supervisor from smoking.

Witnesses also reported seeing officials smoking at Precinct 5 in Kagman Elementary school.

Saipan Tribune tried but failed to obtain comments from the Commonwealth Election Commission.

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supervisor Anna Sarapio said one voter nagged about the “no electronic devices” sign posted on the entrance at GTC but this was soon resolved.

In Tanapag, election poll supervisor Dina Kaliga said one voter asked for easier access to the polling station. “Other than that, operations ran smoothly throughout the day,” she said.

As of 5pm yesterday, Kagman polls already had more than 870 voters, San Roque counted more than 260 voters, and Tanapag had more than 320.

Minor mishaps

Sen. Victor Hocog (R-Rota) confirmed that more than 400 voters on Rota had already cast their ballots as of 6pm.

“Everything here ran smoothly, with some minor issue between camp parties,” he said.

One minor disturbance was loud music played by two

separate parties and there was a complaint for the music to be turned off.

“No commotion requiring police assistance happened but it turned out well. We expected at least more than 800 voters, but it reached 400-some today,” Hocog said.

The smooth conduct of the election also held true on Tinian, according to Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz.

“It ran smoothly, but we had one incident where campaigners held a small motorcade near the election poll area... and the police had to stop it,” he said.

More than 600 voted as of 6:30pm, according to Dela Cruz.

Northern Islands

Northern Islands Mayor’s office staff Jerome Aldan said that Northern Island voters started voting as early as Oct. 28.

He noted that eight ballots cast in the Northern Islands arrived on Saipan yesterday aboard a ship.

Inos casts ballot

peacefully,” Saures said.

Voters elected the governor, the lieutenant governor, delegate to the U.S. Congress, the attorney general, senators, House of Representatives members, mayors, municipal councilors, and Board of Education members. They also voted whether to retain or not on the bench Associate Justice John A. Manglona, Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja, and Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Voters were also presented with three proposed changes to the CNMI Constitution.

Polling stations opened at exactly 7am and closed at 7pm.

At 7pm, there was still a long line of voters at Garapan Elementary School.

A woman residing on Navy Hill was visibly upset after learning that her name is in Dandan. She said she could not make it to Dandan as it was already 7pm then.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos (Rep) voted early at 7:33am in Kagman. His running mate, Ralph DLG. Torres, voted in San Vicente.

Independent gubernatorial candidate Heinz Hofschneider and running mate Ray N. Yumul, accompanied by their wives, walked together to the Garapan Elementary School to cast their vote at 6pm.

Independent gubernatorial candidate Juan N. Babauta voted at Garapan Elementary School past 10am. His running mate, Juan S. Torres, voted in Dandan.

The Democratic gubernatorial tandem of Edward M. Deleon Guerrero and Daniel O. Quitugua opted to vote early on Monday at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Former governor Benigno R. Fitial walked in with a cane with his wife, Josefina, beside him when he voted late after-

Gov. Eloy S. Inos cast his ballot at exactly 7:33am yesterday at the Kagman Elementary School, accompanied by family members.

Inos later wished the other gubernatorial candidates good luck.

“Today is just when we try to go out and try to get people to vote and exercise their right. Let’s just hope for the best. May the best man win. Whoever wins hopefully will address the many challenging issues that the people of the CNMI faces. I see that there is an early turnout here in Kagman, which is good. I like the enthusiasm of the people and hopefully they will come up with the best decision,” he said.

“Once the elections is over, then politics is over. We should go ahead and put our heads together because I know that they have some ideas that may not be in line with mine and...I want to see where we can agree on some common goal and move forward,” he added.

All roads leading to poll-

noon in Garapan.

Fitial declined to disclose who he voted for as governor. He added that he is not sure if he could still return to the polling station if there is a gubernatorial runoff because he is leaving again this week for the Philippines for his continued medical rehabilitation.

When asked what the game plan is in case of a runoff election, Hofschneider said the strategy does not change.

“I think it’s just reaching out to more people, especially to the group that does not make to the runoff,” Hofschneider said. “That’s really where the bulk of the votes we should be going after.”

Former Superior Court presiding judge Edward Manibusan was with his wife, Delfina, at Dandan Middle School to cast their vote as early as 7:45am.

Manibusan said they decided to vote early because it’s a beautiful day and there was no rain then.

Asked if he will go back to the polling place if there is a gubernatorial runoff, the former judge said he will surely do because people should continue to exercise their rights.

“I encourage everyone to vote,” said Manibusan, whose candidacy for the first elected attorney general position is being challenged by attorney Michael Norita Evangelista.

Evangelista himself is very sure that he will vote if there is a gubernatorial runoff, saying he wants his vote counted so his governor bet will win.

Lorenzo LG. Cabrera was among the early birds at Dandan Middle School. At 7:30am he was done.

Cabrera said he had to go early to vote so he could ask

ing stations were lined with the candidates’ supporters, all holding up banners and pictures of their candidates.

Turnout

Over a thousand turned up to vote out of Precinct 3B at the Garapan Elementary School cafeteria yesterday.

Traffic began even before doors opened, with five voters waiting outside the cafeteria doors before voting began at 7am, according to election supervisor Frank Rabauliman. Five minutes before polls closed at 7pm, there was still a line present outside the GES cafeteria doors.

The final count after 7pm was at 1,092, according to Rabauliman, but he said they would verify the number again at the Multi-Purpose Center.

Juan N. Babauta, one of the independent candidates for governor, took his turn at the polls with his wife Charlene after 10am.

Gregorio Kili Sablan, candidate for U.S. delegate, and his wife, Andrea, also showed up around that time.

election officers to come to their house so his wife can avail of the confinement voting process.

Cabrera said his wife stays at home because she can’t stand up due to a minor accident. He said he was told that election officers will go to their house so his wife can vote in the afternoon yesterday.

When asked if he will return to the polling station if there is a gubernatorial runoff, Cabrera was quick to say “yes.”

“I am a good citizen,” he said, adding that good citizens should exercise their right to vote.

Winifreda Borja, 70, a retired Commonwealth Ports Authority employee, was done voting as early as 7:30am when there was no crowding yet at Dandan Middle School.

“It was smooth, well-organized,” said Borja. She came early to avoid crowds and so she can do all her chores.

Seen in front of Dandan Middle School’s main gate early morning was Saipan mayoral candidate David Mundo Apatang, who waved and greeted voters coming in and out of the school compound. Beside him was independent Rep. Antonio Pangelinan Sablan and some supporters. Sablan is seeking re-election.

It was lively in front of Hopwood as some party supporters danced to loud music while waving to motorists and voters coming in and out of the school gate.

The large number of voters started coming in at 8am. Before noon it drizzled in some areas on the island, resulting in a slowdown in the flow of voters.

At Hopwood, as of 1pm, 231 voted out of over 800 voters in that precinct.

Heinz Hofschneider, independent candidate for governor, also voted at GES after 5:30pm.

In Precinct 3B, a total of 396 voters cast their votes as

BRAVE

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Nineteen-year-old Jennyca Bery voted for the first time as well. She said other than a select few, she did not know most of the candidates on the ballot.

“I was kind of lost,” she said. But she said she definitely looks to be more informed next time around.

Bery just graduated from Marianas High School in May. She said most of her friends have not voted before and it has been a new experience for them.

In helping choose the islands’ next leaders, Bery said she looks for those who care about contract workers like her parents. She also looks for commitment to education, as she believes there is a lot of room for improvement in public schools.

She assured that she will return to the polls if a runoff election happens.

Another first-time voter, Ruine Justo, who is 61 years old, voted at the Gilbert Ada Gym-

ALIEN

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Joeten-Kiyu Library in Susupe.

Viray was 3 months old when her Filipino parents “exiled” her to Bulacan province in the Philippines, when her mother returned to that country in 1993.

Viray’s father continued to work on Saipan but eventually joined her and her mother in the Philippines in 2010 when the company where he had been employed for many years shut down.

After Viray completed her bachelor’s degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management, her parents contacted a Saipan-based family friend, Ruby Acosta, who helped their daughter return to the islands. Viray arrived on Saipan on Aug. 29, 2014. Acosta met her at the airport and let her stay in her house.

Just last week, she started work as a cashier at Happy Market. Since she is new to the island where she was born and left 20 years ago, she is not familiar with this year’s election candidates and issues. Acosta was there at the election polling station to guide her when she cast her vote.

“I’m proud that I voted here,” she told *Saipan Tribune* shortly after she emerged from the polling station.

Viray observed that voting here is well-organized and fast. She recalled that when she first voted in the Philippines, it was so crowded that she went to the polling place at 4am but ended up voting at 3pm. Having dual

of 7pm.

Election supervisors there said there were no complaints that day, and the process went smoothly. **(With Dennis B. Chan)**

nasium yesterday morning.

“I voted with my mother today,” he said. His mom is 81 years old.

“We’re Taotao Saipan,” he said.

He got his citizenship this year, on Aug. 29.

“This is my first time [voting]. I arrived here in 1983. My four sons are also voting. I am very happy,” he said.

Justo said all he wants in a leader is honesty. He also said a good economy will mean peace and order.

Carl Roque, who is 18 and voting for the first time, said he only knew some of the candidates.

“Not much of my friends really know. Most of them are off-island, only a few are here,” he said.

Another new voter, Norlyn, is not originally from the CNMI but became a citizen last year when she got married to a local citizen. She was excited to finally get to vote after 10 years living in the CNMI.

“I can vote for the leaders that I really admire,” she said.

citizenship, she could also vote in the Philippines.

Viray said that coming back 20 years later to the island where she was born gives mixed feelings.

“I was excited but at the same time scared because I don’t know the environment,” she said in Tagalog.

When asked if she will return to the polling station again in case there is a gubernatorial runoff, Viray looked at Acosta then agreed that she will cast her vote again.

Viray will be turning 21 this month. She is now preparing to petition her parents to join her here. She said her parents are excited to hopefully get a “green card” and return to the island, where they used to work for many years.

Viray’s story is similar to Jenie Lou Muria’s. Like Viray, Acosta also helped Muria’s parents, who are now in Batangas, Philippines, to take care of her on the island.

Muria, 21, is also an HRM graduate. She arrived on Saipan last August and is also staying in Acosta’s house. She immediately got a job as a front desk personnel at Saipan World Resort.

Muria is also a first time voter on Saipan. She is now working on a petition to get her parents.


Acosta said she is happy to help friends having their U.S. citizen children stay in her house.

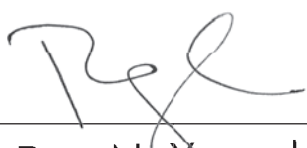
Acosta worked for 20 years at PDI. After obtaining her green card in March this year when her 23-year-old child petitioned her, she got a job as an accountant at the Commonwealth Health Center.



Although we cannot personally extend a hand to each and every one of you, we, our families, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Our supporters have stood with us in good times and bad times over these many months. Rain or shine- our manhoben, precinct chairs and committee members, volunteers, and supporters could be counted on to perform every task necessary to mount a campaign and have worked tirelessly for a team that pledges to make positive changes in our community. There have been many sacrifices and we are touched by your kindness and generosity. We thank you for all your contributions, big and small.

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Heinz S. Hofschneider


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Early voting accounts for 45 pct. of votes in Precinct 4C



MARK RABAGO

From left, election volunteers Eugene Borja, Ruth Palacios, Nacrina Aldan, and Kellanie Ludwig pose for the *Saipan Tribune* inside election precinct 4C at the Legislature on Capital Hill yesterday.

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Instead of long lines, voters who headed to Election Precinct 4C on Capital Hill were greeted by eager election volunteers and, more often than not, vacant cubicles.

Election volunteer Eugene Borja told *Saipan Tribune* that elections at the highest point in the CNMI was "so far so good."

Borja, a Department of Public Works-Energy Division staff said early voting implemented by the Commonwealth Election Commission had a positive outcome in the precinct.

"It's been slow due to the early voting. So it's pretty much more convenient now for residents to vote," he said.

As of 3:20pm yesterday, Bor-

ja said total votes cast at Election Precinct 4C totaled 254 votes, including 116 from early voting. Early voting therefore translates to more than 45 percent of the votes at the precinct.

"More than half has come to the polls already. We have 70 percent of votes in already," added Borja.

He said the most exciting part of Election Day for him and his fellow volunteers was the time when one housebound voter exercised his right to vote. Borja said election volunteers went to the home of the bedridden voter by request to get his vote.

Aside from Borja, other election volunteers at the precinct were Ruth Palacios, Nacrina Aldan, and Kellanie Ludwig.

A number of voters interviewed at the precinct yesterday

afternoon also said they will not hesitate to vote in the runoff for governor if none of the candidates for the islands' chief executive garnered 50 percent of the votes plus 1.

Among those who confirmed that he will vote in the runoff is CNMI Little League district administrator Mike Borja.

"That's our basic fundamental right and we have to exercise our right to vote because we're a democratic society. We have to respect that democracy and the democracy of our island is vibrant and strong," the 46-year-old Capital Hill resident said.

Others who vowed to once again go to the polls in a runoff were 50-year-old Ben Camacho of Santa Lourdes, Tanya Concepcion of Capital Hill, and Tony Iguel, also of Capital Hill.

Borja added that he is exercising his voting rights this 2014 elections for the sake of the future generation.

"There are a lot of pressing issues here in the Marianas Islands such as the high utility costs, the Retirement Fund fiasco, and education problem. This is a great day for the Commonwealth where people can decide who will be leading us in the next four years. I think this is very important. For me, I'm already a grandfather and I have five grandkids. I believe about the future of our kids and of our grandkids. This is our time and this is our responsibility as a parent and grandparent. Even though we're not running for public office, we should also watch this democratic system. It affects all our lives."

Kilili: Higher turnout improves chances of winning a 4th term

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Incumbent Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan hopes that voters came out in record numbers yesterday during the 2014 general elections, believing that a higher voter turnout boosts his chances of getting re-elected to a fourth term in the U.S. Congress.

"We never take anything for granted. ...I think the higher the number of voters, the turnout, my chances improve with that. I would like to thank the people of the Northern Marianas for giving me their trust for the past six years and I hope that this election they will once again give me their trust to serve [in] Congress for a fourth term," he told reporters shortly after casting his vote at the Garapan Elementary School yesterday morning.

Sablan, who was accompanied to Election Precinct 3B by his wife, Andrea, said if he's fortunate enough to land a fourth term he will continue his promise to serve "all" the people of the CNMI.

"The only promise I make to the people is I will always work hard for all of us. That gets me in trouble with some of our people here because some people expect that I should only work for a certain segment of the community. But when I raise my right hand and take my oath on the Holy Book that Bishop [Tomas] Camacho gave me, [that's the promise I make and] so I take my oath seriously. My oath is I will work for all the people and not only for just a few."

Sablan said it's been a wonderful six years and he hope to continue to work for the next

two years to help improve the lives of the people of the islands.

And no work is more pressing than CNMI immigration legislation currently pending in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"We have legislation in four different forms going. We just need to get in the schedule but again it's something that's time-critical. That's the one that extends E2C investors, extends the ban of asylum seekers here, and continue H visa cap exemptions."

With Congress having only a few days before *sine die*, getting the bills on calendar is difficult, Sablan said.

"That's something we need to extend for another five years. We're trying to gain a spot on the schedule but it's not easy. Of course it doesn't mean if it's difficult were not going to give it our best try."

On the possibility of the Republican Party gaining control of the U.S. Senate, Sablan said he doesn't foresee any problems.

"I don't have a problem. I'm always careful with my relationships. I've always been able to work very closely with members from the other aisle. One our best friends in the U.S. Senate happens to be the great senator from the state of Alaska, Ms. [Lisa] Murkowski. She is not only a friend to me personally but she is also a friend of the Northern Marianas," said Sablan, who caucuses with House Democrats.

The three-term CNMI delegate is running against CNM Democratic Party candidate Andrew Salas in this election. Salas is a former CNMI House representative and ex-Commerce secretary.

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JOSEPH 'LEE PAN' TENORIO GUERRERO
For House of Representatives, Precinct 1

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

RFP NO.: RFQ15-DPL-017

SUBMISSION DATE: DECEMBER 01, 2014 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

**"PHASE I AND II ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENTS
FOR THE MASALOG AMMUNITION DEPOT, PINA, TINIAN, CNMI
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS"**

A project information package containing detailed project background, scope of work, and required minimum qualifications information, can be picked up at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, during working hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Prospective off-island proposers may obtain the information package by contacting Project Manager, Timothy Lang, via e-mail at trlang@yahoo.com. Qualifications statements that do not conform to requirements as stated in the project information package are subject to disqualification.

A pre-proposal conference will be held on **Friday, November 14, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. local time** in the DPL conference room at the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

Questions regarding this Request for Qualifications must be submitted in writing to Pedro A. Tenorio, DPL Secretary, or faxed to (670) 234-3755 **no later than the close of business, Wednesday, November 19, 2014.**

The Department of Public Lands reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the Commonwealth. All proposals shall become the sole property of the Department of Public Lands.

/S/ PEDRO A. TENORIO
SECRETARY OF PUBLIC LANDS

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, PROC. & SUPPLY

Mark Brown is appointed CEO of Best Sunshine

By **MARK RABAGO**
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ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Best Sunshine International Ltd. ended its search for a chief executive officer with the appointment of Mark Brown, formerly of Venetian Macao and Sands Macao.

BSI senior vice president for corporate marketing Jacqueline Wu told *Saipan Tribune* that Brown would formally join

the exclusive Saipan casino developer on Nov. 10.

"We are all very excited to have Mark on board. Mark has been one of the pioneers in the integrated resorts industry worldwide, with hands-on experience building these massive resorts from the ground up in various jurisdictions."



Brown

Wu said that Brown, with whom she worked with at Las Vegas Sands Corp. in Macau, is a hiring coup for BSI, which is owned by Hong Kong-based Imperial Pacific International Holdings Ltd.

"Especially valuable to us is his Asia experience, not only his knowledge about our customers,

the integrated resort business, and the sensitivity to the local environment. The most important of all is his leadership, steering an enormous workforce with diverse culture to achieve business goals. We are pleased to welcome Mark to be our chief."

GGR Asia, a website on regional casino developments, reported Brown's appointment as CEO of Imperial Pacific's Saipan casino project.

The website said before his appointment as BSI CEO, Brown was president of the Venetian Macao and also of Sands Macao from April 2006 to April 2009.

It added that Brown joined Cambodian casino operator NagaCorp Ltd in December 2013 as chief operating officer of subsidiary NagaWorld Ltd., but he resigned last month to pursue other opportunities.

The CNMI Lottery Com-

mission awarded an exclusive Saipan casino developer license to BSI last July 15. Since then, BSI has hiked its promised investment to \$7.1 billion.

In its Sept. 24 filing of business plan with the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, Imperial Pacific announced a five-phase development project on Saipan, which would include a total of 4,252 rooms and 300 villas, 1,600 gaming tables, and 3,500 slot machines on top of a theme park and other tourism-related amenities.

Two to 4 hotels, if connected, could help lower CUC's rates

By **JAYSON CAMACHO**
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. sees a potential drop in power rates for both residential and commercial customers if at least three to four hotels hook up to its electric grid.

During a CUC board meeting last Thursday, economist.com managing director Robert Young

told board members that hotels going back to the CUC grid is a great way to reduce rates.

This subject came up during economist.com's presentation on ways to lower utility rates for all CUC customers.

Young said these large hotels connecting to the CUC grid will provide the utilities agency the liveness to lower its rate.

"We will need two, three pos-

sibly four hotels to subsidize the rates," Young told the board.

CUC board chair David Sablan Jr. asked Young if they could incorporate the addition of new hotels to the presentation and include incentives for hotels.

"Right now we need to en-

tice people to come on to the grid and increase our revenue. I agree with Young because that is job number one, to get these people on," Sablan said.

"If we get them on, then we can already consider a reduction overall in rates. The incentive

rate now is an introductory rate so that they can come back to the grid," he added.

Young disclosed that Duty Free Saipan is already a 100 percent sure they will go back to CUC's grid.

"Those have never contributed

to our revenue stream because they were off the grid and using their own generators. So if they come back on, that will be a plus cash for us. The group that remained has been paying a higher rate and not the introductory rate. If we have new groups coming on, then we can reduce the commercial rate more and the rate will go down," Sablan said.

7th Awaodori Festival on Saturday

By **JAYSON CAMACHO**
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REPORTER

The CNMI's own Japanese cultural dance group is now in the midst of preparations for the 7th Saipan Awaodori Festival that will take place this Saturday.

PDM Promoters Inc. coordinator Sonia Siwa said the Saipan Awaodori Team has been busy rehearsing for the festival, which will be held at the Paseo de Marianas in Garapan.

Siwa said the Tokyo Tensui- ren representatives from last year, including a Japanese group consisting of 300 members, will join the festival.

The festival will kick-start its first performance at the Fiesta Resort & Spa with over 40 members of the Saipan Awaodori and Tokyo Tensui- ren.

After the Fiesta Resort performance, the group will move to the festival site at 6pm. At 6:30pm, the Shugen Daiko, a 300-member religious group of performers—will perform on stage at the Paseo de Marianas. The Saipan Awaodori Team will later join the performances on stage.

Docomo Pacific is major sponsor of UFO's 'That's My Boy' contest

Docomo Pacific is now the major sponsor of the United Filipino Organizations' "That's My Boy" contest.

UFO president Annamae Adaza said they are still looking for more sponsors and donors.

The contest will be held at the Saipan World Resort on Dec. 14, 2014, a Sunday.

"We have 16 young boys who will be vying for the title of 'That's My Boy' 2014," Adaza said.

They will be competing in the following categories: production number, talent portion, formal wear, and question-and-answer portion.

Adaza said they will be giving out special awards as well: That's My Boy Friendship, Most Photogenic, Star

Siwa said it will be the first time ever for the Shugen Daiko group to join the Awaodori Festival.

"These Japanese cultural groups are great because the Tokyo Tensui- ren will come and perform and Shugen Daiko will join for a short while. It will be a great festival," Siwa said.

She said, though, that there won't be a short parade this year due to the bad weather.

Siwa noted that Tokyo Tensui- ren has been coming to Saipan to join the Awaodori Festival. The same group was supposed to join the Liberation Day parade and actually arrived on Saipan, but since the parade was postponed to a later date, they were unable to participate.

The Saipan Awaodori Team under PDM regularly takes part in community outreach activities, including a monthly clean-up of the Garapan area.

"We are inviting the public to join us this Saturday and experience Japan's traditional cultural dances," Siwa said.

For more information, call 234-6900.

Award, Best in Talent, Best in Formal Wear, Spirit Award, and Charity Award, in addition to cash prizes.

"For the production number of the kids, their clothes will be sponsored by Mary Ann Cabael of Natasha Sundance Service Center," she said.

Prizes will be \$500 for first place; \$400 for second place; \$300 for third place; \$200 for fourth place; and \$100 for fifth.

Adaza said all participants will receive certificates of participation and other consolation prizes.

For more details on sponsorship, call Adaza, at 483-5237, UFO secretary Mario Mayuga at 285-1021, event chair Nel Atalig at 233-3854, or event director Ernie Molina at 789-8212. (Jayson Camacho)



On behalf of myself, my Wife Tonie, Family,
Friends and the Committee to elect
David M. Apatang for Mayor, we would
like to extend our most heartfelt and sincerest

*Si Yu'us Ma'ase and
Thank You*

For your vote of confidence and
your support at my fundraiser.

DAVID M. APATANG
Committee To Elect

Wish Night fundraiser at Naked Fish on Nov. 18

Make-A-Wish Foundation needs donations that will enable it to fulfill the wishes of CNMI Wish Kids. In this regard, Make-A-Wish will be hosting a Wish Night fundraiser at the Naked Fish on Nov 18, Tuesday, from 5:30pm to 8:30pm.

Make-A-Wish experiences often involve travel, especially with kids from the CNMI and Guam. Each year, Make-A-

Wish sends several wish kids and their families on trips and help make their dreams come true with help from our generous communities.

“The Make-A-Wish Foundation often arranges travel for wish kids to reach their wish destinations, whether it’s to meet a celebrity, go to their favorite theme park or a shopping spree or reconnect with

extended family who have moved away,” said Mike Naholowaa, Make-A-Wish Guam board chairman.

“Air travel is a critical resource as we work to grant the heartfelt—and oftentimes very creative—wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions,” said Victor Camacho, Make-A-Wish Guam’s executive director. “Donating to

Make-A-Wish will allow us to continue creating countless lasting moments for children with life-threatening medical conditions here in our communities. You can truly make a difference in a child’s life.”

Thanks to Joe Guerrero and Eleanor Cabrera, the Naked Fish Bar & Grill will be this year’s venue for CNMI’s Wish Night on Tuesday, Nov. 18,

2014. Tickets are \$50 per person and include food, drinks, live music and fun. Tickets are now available for sale at the Naked Fish Bar & Grill, Gold’s Gym Saipan, and board member Kanae Quinn. Call 285-1168 or email cnmiwish@gmail.com for more information.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Founded in

1980 when a group of caring volunteers helped a young boy fulfill his dream of becoming a police officer, the foundation is one of the world’s leading children’s charities, with 64 chapters in the United States and its territories. With the help of donors and nearly 25,000 volunteers, the foundation grants a wish every 40 minutes and has granted more than 200,000 wishes in the United States since its inception. For more information, visit guam.wish.org. (PR)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

November 5, 2004

MPLA shelves \$5.5M request for housing project

The Marianas Public Lands Authority has put on hold the Babauta administration’s \$5.5-million request for the Plumeria Estates housing project. MPLA chair Ana Demapan-Castro said the Public Lands board of directors deferred action on the request during a recent meeting, after the CNMI Housing Task Force expressed plans to look for alternative funding sources for the project. In a Sept. 20 letter, Gov. Juan N. Babauta asked MPLA to make homestead infrastructure funds available for Plumeria Estates. He said that, based on information from the Housing Task Force, which has been managing the development of Plumeria Estates, the estimated cost of the project is \$5.5 million.

DPS has new fingerprint matching system

The investigation unit of the Department of Public Safety is going high-tech, joining about 300 other departments around the globe as users of a system that keeps tabs on fingerprints. The use of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System Tracker for crime solving purposes is an important component to the investigative process and “we all need to be optimistic about what we all could achieve,” said Sgt. James C. Deleon Guerrero, deputy commander of administration for the Criminal Investigation Bureau. Accord-

ing to chief operating officer Scott Howard of Phoenix Group, the supplier of the tracking system, the AFIS would allow the DPS to create a database of finger and palm prints that could be used for matching prints taken from crime scenes.

November 5, 2011

Bill introduced in Congress to address Compact-Impact funding

Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo recently joined Rep. Colleen Hanabusa of Hawaii in introducing a bill that would provide additional federal funding to help defray the costs associated with providing social services to migrants from the Freely Associated States. H.R. 3320, the Compact-Impact Reimbursement Act of 2011, would amend the Compact of Free Association Act of 1985 to authorize \$185 million, for each fiscal year from 2012 through 2024, in federal Compact-Impact grants for Guam, Hawaii, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for Compact-Impact costs.

Woman in driver’s license scam gets 2-year probation

The federal court yesterday imposed a two-year probation sentence on one of five persons involved in a driver’s license scam at the Department of Public Safety’s Bureau of Motor Vehicle. U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered Tahira Dolores Selepeo Miah to comply with conditions, including performing 100 hours of community service and paying \$25 in special assessment fee. Manglona dismissed the indictment that charged Miah with three counts as part of the plea bargain. The judge noted that the defendant’s

actions in this case implicated the public’s safety but when she realized that what she did was unlawful, she immediately assisted law enforcement in the investigation and cooperated with the government.

November 5, 2005

High voter turnout seen in polls

Thousands of voters across the CNMI trooped to polling centers yesterday to choose who among the 105 candidates they want to sit on the 42 seats that are available in this year’s general election. Initial estimates show a high voter turnout in yesterday’s polls. The Commonwealth Election Commission projected a high voter turnout as many Commonwealth residents trooped early in the morning to polling centers and waited in long lines during the generally peaceful exercise. Election Commission executive director Greg Sablan declined, however, to specify a number for the turnout, saying he would not know until right before the counting begins.

Court dismisses pool accident lawsuit

The Superior Court dismissed Thursday a lawsuit against a Japanese man and his Japan-based liability insurer in connection with the death of another man over injuries sustained from a hotel swimming pool accident. Associate Judge Juan T. Lizama said the complaint against Yuji Matono and Kyoei Mutual Fire & Marine Insurance, Co. was not properly served when it was sent via DHL mail service. Lizama said service of the complaint, which was only in English, did not comply with the Hague Convention regarding the service abroad of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil and commercial matters.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-15-005

W-4, W-5 AND W-6 SEWER LIFT STATION ELIMINATION

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of W-4, W-5 and W-6 Sewer Lift Station Elimination in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists of construction of a new lift station to replace the existing W-5 lift station; installation of new gravity sewer mains, including bar screen and odor control, from existing lift stations W-4 and W-6 to new lift station W-5 such that these existing lift stations and force mains can be replaced by gravity sewers; installation of force main from the new W-5 lift station to the nearby gravity sewer main, thereby eliminating existing sewer lift stations; installation of Owner-Furnished Contractor-Installed (OFICI) products; construction of a new generator building and appurtenances; demolition of two existing generator buildings and appurtenances; demolition and restoration existing minor structures and restoration of existing asphalt concrete road. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the sewer system. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 350 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on November 13, 2014 at 9:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-IFB-15-005, W-4, W-5 and W-6 Sewer Lift Station Elimination” to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on December 2, 2014**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted to the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier’s check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers’ questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI’s Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI’s Insurance Code.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor’s preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. All responses to this Invitation for Bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the bidder, awarded a contract.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of a contract may be contingent upon the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission’s (CPUC) approval. If CPUC approval is required, the contract will not be executed by CUC until such approval is provided.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 14, 2014** to Manny B. Sablan, Manager, Procurement & Supply, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Nicolette Villagomez, Junior Engineer, Water/Wastewater Division via email nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

MANNY B. SABLAN
Manager, Procurement & Supply
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Ken Stewart, right, general manager of Tools of the Trade from Guam, presents \$900 worth of kitchen equipment to Northern Marianas Technical Institute president Agnes McPhetres.

DENNIS B. CHAN

Tools of the Trade donates kitchen equipment to NMTI

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

Ken Stewart, general manager of Tools of the Trade from Guam, has donated about \$900 worth of equipment for the culinary arts program of the Northern Marianas Technical Institute.

Some of the equipment includes chef's knives, cutting boards, and chef's attires, among other things.

Stewart is also known as the "Guam Food Guy" and reviews food stops at www.guamdiner.com. He sells culinary equipment to hotels on island. One thing he's gleaned from experience is the need to train young people to be job-ready for the culinary field.

"The best way to do that is to have tools of the industry... to have things that are going to help them achieve the work they are going to have to do," he said.

The Victorinox Forschner knives he donated are all industry quality, he said. The cutting boards are also color-coded for sanitation.

The 12-piece knife set is an executive chef knife kit used by culinary students at the Guam Community College.

In Guam, he said, Tools of the Trade usually sell culinary program-required equipment to GCC students at reduced prices.

This is the first time the equipment has been donated, he said.

NMTI president Agnes McPhetres expects their students to be happy that they will have access to tools they need for their program. Each of the students will have a set of the knives and a cutting board, she said.

"We'll be working with Ken to make sure our culinary program is a top-notch program," she said.

The culinary class' current instructor is a chef from Hyatt

Regency Saipan, according to McPhetres.

She said NMTI hopes to expand their programs into high schools hopefully by spring.

Right now, they have a program at Kagman High School under the Public School System, she said.

"Eventually we will be carrying it out in other schools so that more students will be prepared. Especially for those that don't attend college right away. At least they have the skill, and at the same time they will have a job when they graduate," McPhetres said.

This fall's culinary program starts on Nov. 12, according to her.

Right now students are going through drug tests and other health paperwork before classes start.

Ten have enrolled in this year's program from all over Saipan, she said.

"It's a good start," Stewart said.

McPhetres said some of them are high school graduates while some are dropouts.

"We'll pick them up. We give them placements tests in English and math, and we give them accelerated programs in those areas too. Because they need mathematics for cooking, and they need to learn how to converse [as part of a hospitality career]," she said.

This year's program was postponed, according to McPhetres, as renovations for NMTI's culinary facility was still ongoing. The facility is finished, and more equipment continues to be purchased, she said.

Classes will be in the evening for two and a half hours daily, she said.

The program, beginning this month, ends in January.

Stewart said he hopes this behooves all the hospitality busi-

nesses and hotels on island to work with NMTI to train the local workforce.


"It's going to be benefit tourism. It's going to benefit them having people who are job-ready come in to work," he said.

It has to be a partnership, he added. Businesses have to invest in Saipan, and invest in the future, he said.

Right now NMTI only works with Hyatt but McPhetres said she intends to go to all the hotels on island to ask them to be part of the program.

"Everyone should be involved" from Coral Ocean Point, Pacific Islands Club, to Fiesta Resort, according to Stewart, in training cooks who understand sanitation, portion control, and cooking temperature, for example.

"Those are important things. That's what partnering with this training is [for]," he said.

<div>COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION SCHEDULE OF ELECTRIC CHARGES AND RATES</div>						
By order of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, CUC is authorized to adjust the LEAC charge depending on the price of oil. Adjustments are made when the "Mean of Platts Singapore" or MOPS monthly pricing equals or exceeds 4.5% of the average per gallon cost of fuel used in the calculation of the LEAC charge. Due to a decline in average fuel prices, CUC is able to reduce the fuel-charge by 12.9%. Accordingly, the LEAC rate has decreased from \$0.28902 per kWh to \$0.25168 per kWh, effective November 1, 2014.						
BASE RATES						
		RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL	GOVERNMENT	MP*	
1	Monthly Customer Charge	\$ 7.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$	9.06
2	Base Rates Per kWh:	KWH LEVELS				
	1) 1 to 350	\$ 0.0210	\$ 0.1130	\$ 0.1240	\$	0.1070
	2) 351 to 1200	\$ 0.0970	\$ 0.1130	\$ 0.1240	\$	0.1070
	3) 1,201 and over	\$ 0.1580	\$ 0.1130	\$ 0.1240	\$	0.1070
3	Infrastructure Surcharge					
	Per kWh -- all usage	\$ 0.0210	\$ 0.0210	\$ 0.0210	\$	0.0210
4	Public Law 16-7 Credit (Rebate)					
	Per kWh -- all usage	\$ (0.0230)	N/A	N/A		N/A
*Municipal Pumping						
LEVELIZED ENERGY ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE (LEAC) RATE						
		RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL	GOVERNMENT	MP*	
	New LEAC Rate (Effective 11/01/14)	\$ 0.25168	\$ 0.25168	\$ 0.25168	\$	0.25168
	Previous LEAC Rate	\$ 0.28902	\$ 0.28902	\$ 0.28902	\$	0.28902
*Municipal Pumping						
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Availability: Applicable to public outdoor streetlighting service and private area lighting where CUC owns, maintains and operates such facilities.						
Energy Charge: The energy charge is the kWh multiplied by the sum of the applicable electric base rate and LEAC rate.						
Fixture Charge: See below.						
	FIXTURE TYPE	WATTS	KWH/MONTH	FIXTURE CHARGE PER MONTH		
1	Long Arm	250	101	\$	11.67	
2	Short Arm	175	71	\$	8.33	
3	LED	140	57	\$	10.83	
ELECTRIC NON-RATE FEES						
1	Late Charge (monthly)	1% of Past Due				
2	NSF Check / Returned Check Charge	\$ 40.00				
3	Convenience Fee (for pay-by-phone and online payments)*	\$ 1.50				
4	Unauthorized Connection*	\$ 550.00				
5	Reconnection at the Pole*	\$ 200.00				
6	Investigation (no charge for first two investigations)*	\$ 210.00				
7	Disconnection Notice	\$ 15.00				
8	Meter Change Out	\$ 95.00				
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EDITORIAL

What should a GOP Congress do?

Kevin McCarthy was a freshly minted Cal State Bakersfield MBA in 1994, when House Republicans, led by Minority Whip Newt Gingrich, wrested control of the lower chamber for the first time in four decades.

That historic victory by House Republicans was attributable in large part to the reform agenda crafted by Mr. Gingrich—the “Contract with America,” he called it—on which Republican candidates in most of the 438 House districts campaigned in the 1994 midterm election.

And during the first 100 days with a Republican majority, the House acted on all 10 planks of the Contract with America, including a balanced budget and welfare reform, just as Mr. Gingrich pledged.

Twenty years after the 1994 midterm election, Rep. McCarthy, the House majority leader, hopes to orchestrate a similar gravitational change if Republicans retain the House, while relegating Democrats to a minority in the Senate.

But there is danger ahead: The GOP will squander its election gains if it doesn’t demonstrate to the American people that it actually can get a legislative agenda passed.

If Republicans, on the other hand, spend the next two years doing little more than opposing everything President Obama does, they will have nothing to show for themselves the next time they face the voters.

Rep. McCarthy is determined that that won’t happen on his watch. If the GOP emerges from Tuesday’s elections with control of both houses of Congress, he believes party leaders should set forth a legislative agenda, their version of the Gingrich “Contract with America.”

As soon as the post-election lame-duck session, Rep. McCarthy would like to pass a bill funding the government long-term—perhaps, two years—so that the recurring threat of a government shutdown no longer distracts lawmakers from other priorities.

As to bigger, more contentious issues, a Republican-controlled Congress will go in a different direction on energy policy than the Obama administration, Rep. McCarthy suggests, including support for the Keystone XL pipeline and opposition to harsh new EPA regulations on coal.

The Affordable Care Act will be a target, although Republicans may be satisfied with scaling down the size and scope of Obamacare, perhaps targeting it to the uninsured minority of Americans.

Then there is immigration reform, which won bipartisan passage in the Senate last year, and might also have passed the Republican-controlled House had President Obama not, at the last moment, inserted himself into negotiations.

Rep. McCarthy thinks those negotiations can be restarted, unless President Obama takes unilateral action on immigration right after the midterm election.

Some suggest it is premature, if not unlucky, for Rep. McCarthy and other GOP leaders to be talking about their legislative agenda before they have won.

Well, that’s the same thing that was said of Newt Gingrich and his fellow Republicans in the 1994 midterm election. And that worked out pretty well for the GOP.

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Beyond ports, planes, trucks, and trains

Foreign assistance usually designates improvement in a country’s infrastructure. If the donor is enlightened, it bothers to find out what the recipient sees as a priority need. If not, wards are encouraged to bridge Tinian and Rota, like H3 in Hawaii, for ease of military maneuvers!

Pier, tarmac, road, and rail are the obvious areas of assistance. They entail not only materials and technology but also massive financing. Serendipitously, 21 countries just launched an Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank to balance the Japan-led West-dominated Asian Development Bank.

The four “beyond” in our title designates a form of foreign assistance, not discarding the provision of materials, technology and financing but adding a robust exchange of persons from one cultural setting to another, a partnership not only in finances and technology but in personnel as well.

This is a consequence of the massive paradigm shift that occurred when post-WWII UN idealism deteriorated quickly into Cold War as nation-states fought for ground, built fences and guarded borders to keep neighbors out, and competed for all types of resources, turned into the reality of one Earth, pictured in the ‘68 earthrise that revealed a new mindfulness of humans earthbound and earth proud, recreating life from the ordinariness of existence into a fullness that engages and involves many to an affirmation of selfhood and planet-hood without the weight of national loyalty.

The transition begun as a process that took its own time traveling, a journey that builds its own road. Often a step forward is also negated by two steps backward, especially if the first one is either too sudden or too much for the body politic to digest and absorb. The reflexive defense mechanism tended to react doubly strong. The direction toward the unity of humankind is, however, inescapable.

Along with the practical setup of the AIIB, China captivates human imagination with the revival of the ancient Silk Road image, with a maritime presence that once linked the Pearl River basin out of Guangdong through the Indian Ocean islands and points west, and its overland route through Central Asia to Istanbul and Europe.

Equally significant is that the leadership of people whose nationality constitutes one out of five in the planet has now come to its own, and the powers-that-be of an old order shake in their boots, accustomed to the old methods of leadership by conquest and competition while the new blood offers partnership and collaboration.

Just so we are clear. I am not pitting China with the rest of the world. China is an old civilization with huge contradictions to deal with on its own. Deeply ingrained prejudices against the bamboo curtain give us pause; it is not easily

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understood. In fact, the new AIIB is an infrastructure investment bank. The *NY Times* called it the International Development Bank. Hardly.

Also, Reuters focused the news on the three nations who were absent at the launch but previously indicated willingness to join rather than the 21 who inked the agreement. The news account did say that the three were lobbied (bullied?) not to participate so they sent word that they were still studying the fine print!

The history of development banks is of inflationary excess liquidity from exports that if utilized within a country’s own system, unable to return as imports (or local consumption lags), the funds are kept in the nomenclature of development, or the rhetoric of altruism. Development banks are politicized. Washington, D.C. wants to extend affirmative action to World Bank, ADB, and Inter-American Development Bank’s contractors when chosen to implement projects.

I was employed once by a minority-owned “beltway bandit” to train cooperative unions, and savings and loan associations, on organizational development. The visiting head of the U.S. office on a ride to ADB said, “Let’s go talk to them before they discover we don’t know what we are doing.” That was meant to be funny; it was also painfully true. They cornered the contract because they were a preferred minority-owned outfit. Development banks push foreign policy agendas.

China’s AIIB is strictly infrastructure investment. The CPC’s Central Committee had a four-day session on “socialist rule of law with Chinese characteristics,” the theme for governmental operations that should be welcomed all around. China is not immediately trusted with the rule of law because of its history of ruling to keep face.

But China understands the earth and its processes, and is eager to show the world that it knows something about taking care of Mother Gaia. It is serious about the reality and integrity behind the “face.” Foreign assistance is, indeed, beyond ports, planes, trucks, and trains. Folks do not call themselves *Zhongguoren*, Middle Earth people, for nothing. The vibrant Silk Road, to use a Pinoy writer’s phrase, is in the heart, before it hits the Yuan pouch.

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Professional blues

There were days when cold sweat forms and drips down my forehead, hands soaked with perspiration while my mind wades through mental fatigue and disorientation. It's the pressure of newswriting, a profession I knew nothing about initially over 40-plus years ago.

Driving home after work, I'd seriously ponder if I should go on learning the requirements of the profession or quit and slide into another less strenuous vocation.

There's no shelter anywhere nor is there anybody around to assist in my dilemma other than the three people I know best: Me, myself, and I. I'd slip in and out of it, still unable to make a decision with finality. Meanwhile, I kept writing as a staff-writer for the Micronesian News Service, a Micronesia-wide news network.

I immersed myself in journalism books trying to pin down what the beast entailed. Learned later that no matter the materials you read or lectures you've attended, the way to becoming a good writer is to write! Journalistic writing is a discipline in itself.

As you pound on stories as a "cub reporter," some of your hard work end up in the trashcan. Disheartening, but it comes with the territory. A year into the news writing business and you start building professional confidence. But you're still bound to fall flat on your face.

It pays to research your materials so you are fully "informed" of the primary, collateral and peripheral issues before you. It took a lot of interviews with fully poised people in their field to understand, e.g., law of the sea in terms of their larger meaning (control and disposition of resources) and why it matters to the regional economy. I was dealing with leadership with gravitas and vision who were the cream of the crop in the Micronesian region.

Regional issues are much larger in magnitude from law of the sea to a Micronesian Constitution or what entailed the final bilateral agreements between the U.S., the FSM and Republics of Palau and Marshalls.

Dealing with these issues was an experience I'd relish for a lifetime, though there's a certain sense of sadness when somehow we missed the boat of securing our own 200-mile EEZ or a semi-inde-

pendent relationship with the feds. Even as I exited the larger issues there's still the heavy pounding on the door where Mr. Quit is waiting for an answer.

Exhausted, floored and literally reduced to the marshland of professional frustration, I even asked myself if I should open the door for Mr. Quit to come in. By then, I was done with my stint at the Congress of Micronesia and journalism school. To open the door would grant my sole desire to exit this hellish hole. But then if I did, would there be greater opportunities missed because I chose the easy way out?

Well, one day as I was pulling out of the house headed to work there were four kids all drenched from the heavy rain running from San Antonio to make it to class that morning at CK elementary school. It was in the beads of water flowing down their faces that I saw the beams of hope.

In other words, if they can run under the rain from as far away as San Antonio to get to class, their conviction to secure an education simply dwarfed what became an embarrassing immersion to quit. Well, amidst the journey of confusion there's lucidity and clarity at the end of it all. Thanks, kids. A difficult journey it may be. But I'm still writing!

Where's the sunshine?

Had a wonderful time doing a soulful hum of You Are My Sunshine until I happened upon a PDN news item that GovGuam retirees are getting \$2,000 in cost of living allowance.

"Retirees also will receive \$4,238 each in supplemental annuities—the same amount as last year—which will be included in their retirement checks over the course of the year.

"The annual payments, which are appropriated by lawmakers from the government's general fund, aren't part of retirement benefits and are instead an annual gift from taxpayers to GovGuam retirees. Lawmakers have limited the payments, which total \$6,238 per eligible retiree, to retirees who earn less than \$40,000 a year."

The evolving acceptance of dual citizenship

Naturalization ceremonies are the stock in trade of American news organizations: the speeches, the number of countries represented among the applicants and the pictures of newly minted Americans waving miniature American flags.

One fact you won't find in these stories: Most of those brand-new Americans will also be brand-new dual citizens. Most naturalization applicants keep their original citizenship as they acquire U.S. citizenship. Mexico, the Philippines, South Korea, Australia and a long list of other countries now openly accept the status. Other countries that officially reject the status, such as China, do nothing to police against it. Out of the top 20 source countries for naturalization applicants in 2013, 19 at least tolerate dual citizenship.

The number of dual citizens is soaring from other sources as well. Children born to immigrants in the United States will automatically have U.S. citizenship at the same time that they will typically inherit their parents' nationality, or nationalities. Other native-born Americans are acquiring the nationality of their ancestors. Have a grandparent born in the old country? Getting Irish, Italian or Greek citizenship has never been easier and, with it, the right to live and work anywhere in the European Union.

Dual citizenship is now a common aspect of globalization, but it was once the bane of nations. The prevalence of bifurcated Americans would have been unimaginable to our political forebears. Theodore Roosevelt called the "theory" of dual nationality a "self-evident absurdity." The 19th-century American diplomat George Bancroft asserted that we should "as soon tolerate a man with two wives as a man with two countries." To earlier generations, dual citizenship wasn't just an anomaly, it was also a moral abomination.

Divided loyalty wasn't the real source of the problem. There have been few cases of dual-citizen spies or saboteurs (they would be the last to advertise the alternate attachment). The language of morality and allegiance dressed up the human equivalent of turf battles between the United States and European sovereigns. In the 19th century, manpower equaled state power. Most European countries refused to recognize naturalization in the United States. Naturalized Americans on family visits back home would often find themselves conscripted into homeland armies. U.S. authorities would intervene on their behalf, and diplomatic dust-ups were the result.

Today, dual citizens pose no such threat to cordial bilateral relationships. With respect to military service and income taxes, states have essentially agreed to make residence, not citizenship, the key criterion. They have even come to terms on democratic representation. Many states allow their shared citizens to participate in national elections even though they aren't residents. Italian Americans with shared citizenship, who are perfectly free to vote in the U.S., can also vote for a North American representative to

the Italian Parliament.

Immigrant-sending countries see emigrant populations as an economic resource. Citizenship becomes a tool for cementing trans-boundary diaspora ties. Mexico was once deeply suspicious of those who moved permanently to the United States and terminated the Mexican citizenship of anyone who became naturalized as an American. That rule was abolished in 1998. By default, all Mexicans acquiring U.S. citizenship after 1998 also remain citizens of Mexico. India is the only major source country that still rejects dual citizenship (its constitution expressly prohibits the status).

Sure, it may mean that some dual citizens will be rooting for the other team—sometimes literally, as happened in a 2011 Rose Bowl contest between the U.S. and Mexican national soccer teams. But sports is probably the only context in which states are still pitted in zero-sum contests. Some may continue to frame the issue as one of divided loyalty. In practice, in situation after situation, dual citizenship hasn't proved a problem.

It's true that new U.S. citizens are still required to "renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty, of whom or which (they) have heretofore been a subject or citizen." The oath has never been enforced by U.S. authorities. Historically, that was taken care of by other countries who revoked the citizenship of those becoming naturalized here.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

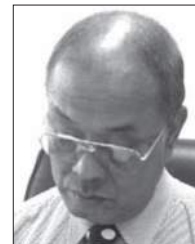
DPS ineffective at solving murders and kidnappings

Shame on DPS. They never found the missing twins. They never solved the San Vicente murder of the Chinese couple whose child was left orphaned. They never solved the murder of the Chinese farmers who were burned inside of their homes. There is probably a serial killer out there targeting the hardworking farmers and keeps getting away with it because DPS can't get its act straight. Who are the homicide investigators at DPS? Where were they educated at and trained? Maybe it's time to replace them because they are not ensuring the safety of the public. The murderers are getting bolder because they are confident that DPS can't solve murders. Are the murders of the Chinese people not a priority? Is it because Chinese people are not as important as other races on

By **JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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What about NMI retirees? Any sunshine threatening to brighten our days or are we back to 75 percent again? Well, the truth will bear itself out in the end. Perhaps trust should be parked in my back pockets for now until January of 2015.

Communing with nature

There were heavy squalls ready to unload any second now. There's no room to run to the lanai so I hid underneath the banyan tree. I listened to the sounds of heavy rain crash landing and quickly flowing down the large branches.

The swishing sound eased when it landed on smaller branches and leaves heading down the grassy knoll. Downstairs, it turns into teeny river gone wild heading into the roots of grasses nearby, long torched by a recent prolonged drought.

Reconnecting to the disposition of nature once more brought home the beautiful surroundings only found on an island. The large banyan leaves of green and purplish red is sheer beauty in itself. Mirrored against the rainbow upstairs that formed before the wind-driven rain came down like heavenly tsunami is a picture-perfect view of things that many of us hardly see anymore.

Take some time out and see the beauty of nature's dome. Let the mist from the rain land on your face and smell the vapor of the ground as the rain sprinkles it. Hell, you might even find out how lucky you are living on an island named "Ladrones."

By **PETER J. SPIRO**

Los Angeles Times

Peter J. Spiro, a law professor at Temple University, is the author of Beyond Citizenship: American Identity After Globalization. He wrote this story for The Los Angeles Times.



Recent efforts to enforce the renunciation oath have gone nowhere because the advantages of dual citizenship cut across a variety of politically powerful constituencies. Our new citizens deserve a revised oath reflecting contemporary realities. In the meantime, the archaic phraseology won't stop many from holding on to their original nationality.

And shouldn't they? Citizenship is an important part of individual identity. There's no reason it needs to be exclusive. Those of us who are U.S. citizens also have other associations: religions, civic institutions, advocacy groups. That some of us belong to other nations doesn't undermine our capacity to be good Americans.

Saipan? It is either due to the lack of trained homicide detectives or lack of sense or urgency due to racial discrimination. Use your head because pretty soon the murderers might target all races if they keep getting away with it.

Antonio Aldan

Kagman, Saipan

No endorsement






I am shocked to see the article today about our group, MILE CNMI, endorsing Heinz and Ray. It's not true. I was never asked as adviser and also this was never discussed in any meeting. We previously agreed not to endorse as a group any gubernatorial candidate because we have differing opinions but each one can endorse individually. I am just surprised to see the article. Because I am off island, I called some of the core group members. All of them were just as shocked as I am. I hope that we can clarify this because I think it is unfair to everybody.

Irene Tantiado

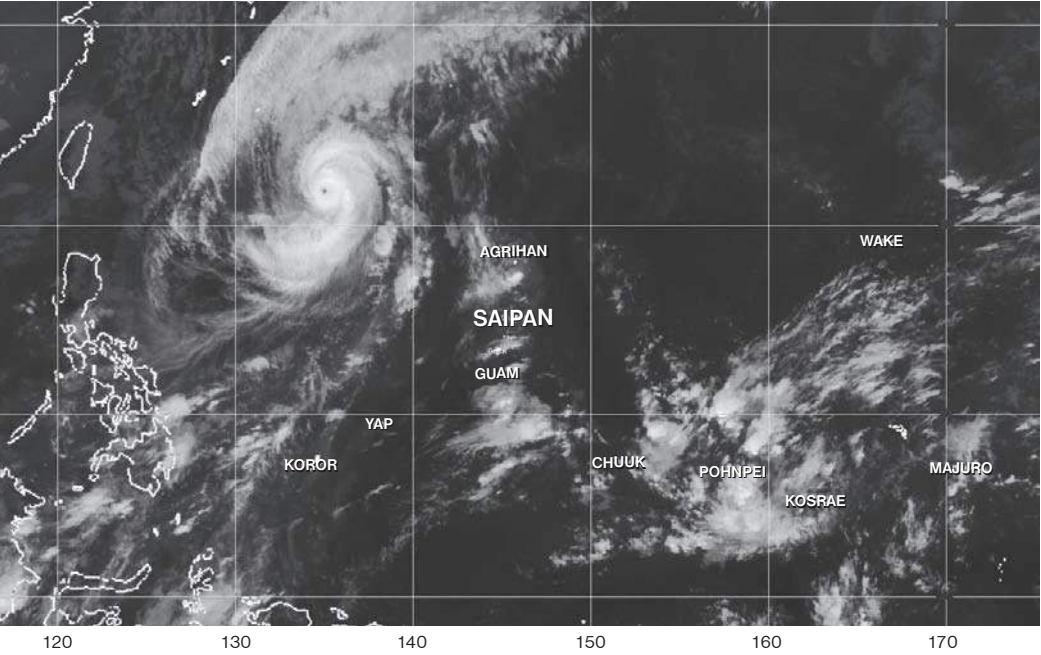
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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Super typhoon Nuri is centered 855 miles northwest of Guam at 20N134E moving northeastward at 12 mph with maximum sustained winds of 180 mph. Spiral bands of heavy rain and a few thunderstorms are found within 300 miles of the center. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are otherwise located west of a line from 25N140E to 22N138E to 16N140E to 8N131E. For more information on Super Typhoon Nuri, see warnings issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and public advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A tropical disturbance west of Saipan is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms northwest of Tinian and Saipan within 90 miles of a line from 22N149E to 21N146E to 15N144E and east of the Marianas within 50 miles of a line from 15N147E to 12N148E to 8N146E. An upper-level trough runs southwestward from 25N173E to 9N158E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring east of Wake Island between 20N and 24N from 173E to 180. A surface trough extends northeastward from 1N151E to 10N162E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present near Pohnpei and north of Kosrae within 80 miles of a line from 8N155E to 8N160E to 6N161E to 3N159E. A trade-wind disturbance is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms northwest of Majuro and Kwajalein within 130 miles of a line from 13N172E to 10N167E to 6N166E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼76
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼76
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Showers	▲63	▼50
Beijing	Sunny	▲62	▼36
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲78	▼72
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲84	▼75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲52	▼41
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲78	▼55
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼74
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲63	▼49
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼72
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲66	▼52
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼58
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲54	▼43
Pusan	Sunny	▲67	▼51
Rome	Showers	▲67	▼60
Salem	Showers	▲58	▼55
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼55
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲63	▼46
Tokyo	Showers	▲65	▼58
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲71	▼53



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Saipan Harbor			
12:08 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.7 Feet
6:21 AM	Today	High Tide:	0.5 Feet
12:12 PM	Today	Low Tide:	2.0 Feet
5:58 PM	Today	Hight Tide:	2.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:14 AM	6:47 PM
Thursday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Friday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Saturday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Sunday	6:16 AM	5:46 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	4:30 PM	4:18 AM
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UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			
DL287	6:05am	11:30pm	2, 6 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	Daily
DL297	4:20pm	7:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C 3401	2:20pm	6:30pm	5, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily
7C 3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			
MU764A	4:00am	8:00am	4, 7
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
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UA5069/PR111	2:45am	4:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
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OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	2, 5, 6, 7 via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
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UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
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OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:40pm	7 via ICN

ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
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UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
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GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4
PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
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NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
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BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
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GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
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MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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DL172/288	7:55am	1:30am+1	Daily via NRT
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HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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FIRST FRIDAY FILMS**Shattered Sky**
free film on
Friday at AMP

All audiences are invited to the free showing of the film *Shattered Sky* at American Memorial Park on Friday, Nov. 7, at 6:30pm. In this month of Thanksgiving, the film reminds us how the world solved the crisis of the hole in the ozone layer and looks at how we can apply the same solutions to act on climate change.

Thirty years ago, scientists reported a hole in the ozone layer "the size of North America" which turned out to be the biggest environmental crisis ever seen. The culprit was CFCs, prevalent in billions of dollars worth of products like refrigeration and air-conditioning products that had revolutionized the American way of life. Doctors forecast skyrocketing rates of cancer. The stakes were "life as we know it." But business remained bitterly opposed and politicians were initially slow to act. For the first time in film, *Shattered Sky* goes inside the ozone crisis to explore how America led the world to a solution. It inspires viewers toward the same can-do spirit on climate change today.

First Friday Films is a partnership between American Memorial Park, the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, and the Humanities Council with support from other organizations and individuals. This particular film is sponsored by BECQ. As always, our film events are free and open to the public. This event will run approximately 60 minutes.

For more information about First Friday Films, email fff@saipan@gmail.com or check out www.firstfriday-filmsaipan.blogspot.com. (**BECQ**)

Dela Cruz joins honor society

An alumna of Kagman High School has joined the Golden Key International Honour Society after making it to the top 15 percent of her class at Portland State University.

Golden Key International Honour Society executive director Bradford W. Rainey announced Akeiko Macachor Dela Cruz's inclusion in the honor society.

In the letter, Rainey said membership in Golden Key is a coveted distinction that marks collegiate academic success.

"Golden Key membership places students and alumni within a lifetime network of world leaders, Rhodes scholars, authors, corporate executives, Olympians, dignitaries, and



Dela Cruz

other highly successful individuals. Membership in Golden Key provides unmatched access to personal education, career enhancement, and unique service opportunities," he wrote.

Rainey added that Golden Key's membership network consists of more than 2 million outstanding achievers from over 400 universities and colleges in numerous countries around the world.

Golden Key members have access to personal and professional development opportunities, leadership training, over \$1 million dollars in scholarships annually as well as countless other benefits.

Dela Cruz is the daughter of Manases and Violy Dela Cruz. (*Saipan Tribune*)

PSS prefer to manage grant for schools' maintenance

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The Public School System would prefer to manage any funds set aside for the over \$11 million worth of deferred maintenance in their schools, according to Board of Education chair Herman Guerrero.

Guerrero said it would be "easier" for the PSS Capital Improvement Projects office to manage these funds rather than the executive CIP office.

"We have our procurement requirements so we don't have to worry about going through the CNMI Procurement [and Supply] require-

ments and [the Department of] Public Works. I think it would have been easier for us if could handle it, put up the bid, and let our staff do all the work. But we'll see what the governor has to say," Guerrero said.

The CNMI has planned to set aside as much as \$1.26 million for fiscal year 2015 and \$1 million for fiscal year 2016 that would be used to repair public school buildings, according to the CNMI's CIP grant proposals to the Office of Insular Affairs.

In a July 2 letter to the governor this year, the board and PSS requested a "pass-through grant" of the \$1 million in funds earmarked by OIA.

In a response later that month, Gov. Eloy S. Inos said the executive CIP office would handle the administering of the funds. The office would work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and PSS staff, the letter said.

"The funds will be available to implement the projects listed...and will not be treated as a pass-through grant," the letter states.

In October the board and PSS requested a meeting with the governor to discuss the funding status of the OIA money. They also asked for the meeting to "finalize the arrangements for the PSS management of [the OIA] grant."

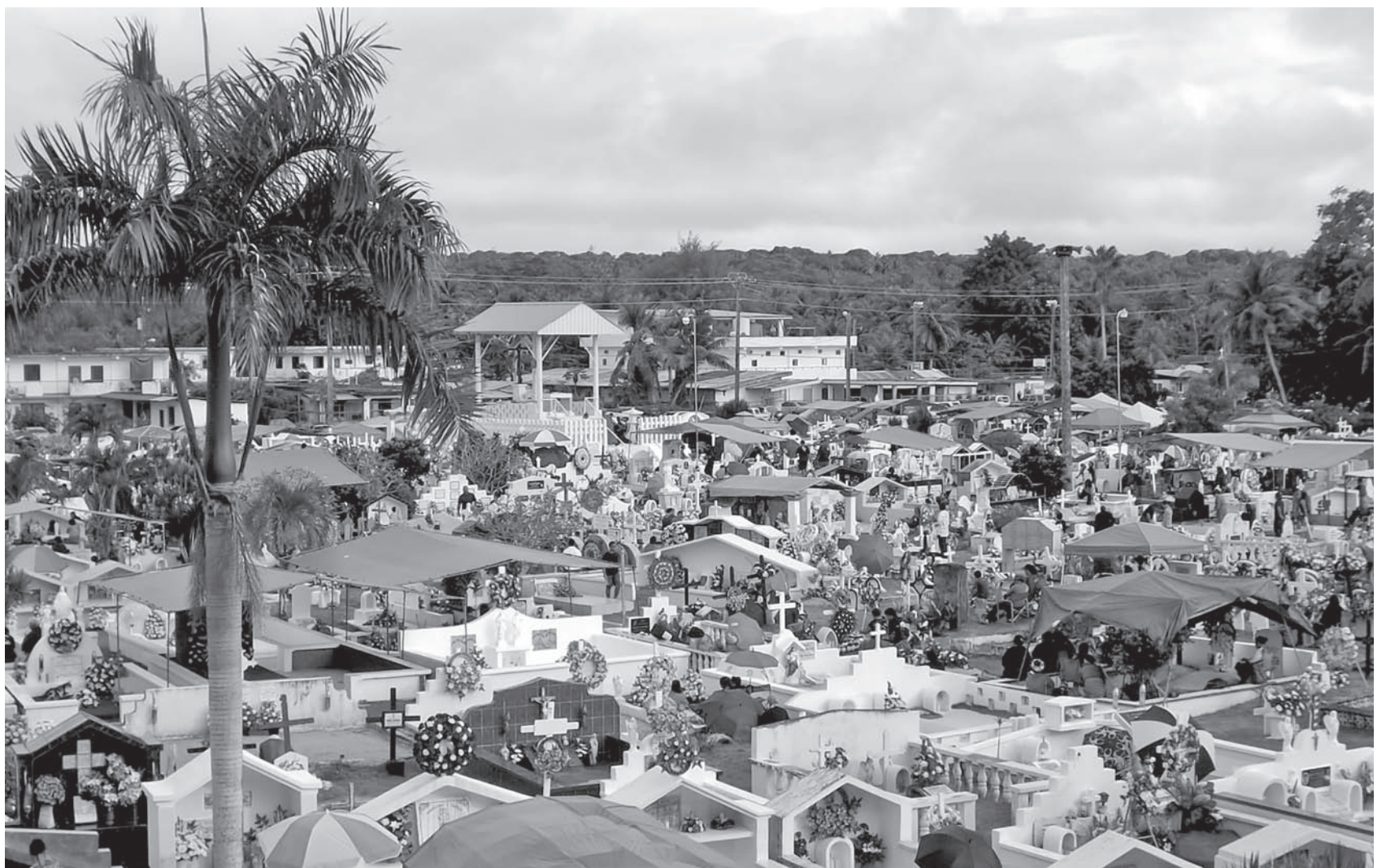
OIA released in 2013 an assessment

of buildings and classrooms that totaled over \$11 million worth of deferred maintenance for PSS. Over \$1 million of that was listed as urgent "health and safety" priorities.

OIA directed insular governors to set aside no less than \$1 million annually for the next five years starting in 2015 for these improvements.

The board adopted earlier this year to use the first \$1 million in funds to address "electrical" deferred maintenance.

Electrical systems for the decades-old public schools are "not to code," as reported by the PSS CIP office earlier this year.

**ANNUAL TRADITION**

The Chalan Kanoa cemetery on Saipan presents a multicolored tableau of real and artificial flowers as the Commonwealth community celebrates the traditional All Saints Day and All Souls' Day over the past weekend. Hundreds of Saipan residents decorate their loved ones' graves with flowers and light candles in their honor during this two-day celebration.

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**ACING THE HALLOWEEN**

Staff of Ace Hardware dress up in their Halloween best for this year's celebration of the annual tradition on Oct. 31, 2014.

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Innos and Torres supporters wave near the Dandan Elementary School voting site. THOMAS MANGLONA II



Ed Manibusan performance voters wave campaign signs on beach road near Hopwod Junior High Schools. THOMAS MANGLONA II



CNMI residents wave signs of the candidates they support near Dandan Elementary School. THOMAS MANGLONA II



Senatorial candidate Oscar Manglona Babauta waves to passersby while surrounded by fellow supporters and voters. THOMAS MANGLONA II



Justice John A. Manglona waves near the Garapan voting site with his family, friends, and supporters. THOMAS MANGLONA II



House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero, center, gives a "thumbs up" while waving to voters near Dandan Elementary School. THOMAS MANGLONA II



Heinz Hofschneider supporters wave signs and flyers yesterday near the voting site in Dandan. THOMAS MANGLONA II



Supporters of Independent candidate Ed Propst pose for a photo. THOMAS MANGLONA II



Former lieutenant governor Diego Benavente and House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero wave to passersby.

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Former associate judge Ed Manibusan supporters wave signs near Hopwood Junior High School.

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Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo and his wife pose for a photo before casting their ballots.

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Supporters of Precinct 1 House of Rep. Angel Demapan pose for a photo.

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CNMI residents and voters pose for a photo supporting their candidates on election day.

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More supporters line the street near Hopwood Junior High during election day yesterday.

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Voters wave their signs and advocate for their candidates at Hopwood Junior high School.

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Focus

A lifetime of perks in UAE help cushion wealth gap



AP
In this Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013 photo, an Emirati visitor talks with a car agent dealer over the Ferrari F12 Berlinetta at the Dubai International Motor Show in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Although the UAE is one of the wealthiest countries in the region, the gap between its richest families and everyone else is vast.

By AYA BATRAWY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

UMM AL-QUWAIN, United Arab Emirates (AP)—The United Arab Emirates contains the world's tallest building, an artificial indoor ski slope and man-made islands shaped like the world. Dubai's fleet of police cars includes a \$2.5 million Bugatti Veyron and a \$500,000 Lamborghini Aventador.

Look past the blinding glitz, though, and you discover a gulf separating the elite and their riches from most Emiratis. Yet in contrast to much of the world, a note of complaint is seldom heard here, and the reason is simple: Most Emiratis live lives of comfort that they owe to a bounty of perks and benefits from the government.

The welfare system, built more than four decades ago under Abu Dhabi's Sheik Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, helped forge long-standing political loyalty.

"We came from this hard life, but because of this man—may God rest his soul—we now have a good, beautiful life," said 60-year-old Jumaa al-Shami, who lives in the northern emirate of Umm al-Quwain.

The question is how long it will last. Officials and economists warn that the lavish government spending that has long sustained a robust Emirati middle class could eventually be curtailed. Analysts say the United Arab Emirates' economic

viability requires guiding more Emiratis into self-sustaining private businesses and weaning them from the state's openhanded patronage.

The government benefits that Emiratis have long enjoyed would be unthinkable in most of the world: Tax-free income. Free high-quality health care. Subsidized fuel. Generous government-funded retirement plans. Access to land to build homes with interest-free loans. Free higher education, even when pursued abroad.

To ease marriage costs, the government gives Emirati men 70,000 dirhams (\$19,000) when they marry an Emirati woman. A debt settlement fund provides a one-time bailout to entrepreneurs who need it. On some occasions, the UAE's rulers have paid the debts of Emirati nationals ahead of major holidays.

The welfare system emerged when seven emirates joined to form the UAE under Sheik Zayed's leadership. Lifting Emiratis from poverty through a lifetime of aid coincided with transforming the UAE from a nation of disparate fishing villages into one of the world's leading investment and commercial hubs.

"The federal government is a huge welfare society and welfare state," said Abdulkhaleq Abdullah, a professor of political science at Emirates University. "This is a fact of life, and people appreciate that."

The UAE's three most de-

veloped emirates—Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Sharjah—have managed to attract global experts to help transform themselves into sparkling metropolises. Until recently, the four other emirates—Umm al-Quwain, Fujairah, Ras al-Khaimah and Ajman—still had dirt roads and endured electricity outages and subpar health care facilities.

Even with gaping disparities among the seven emirates—and a constitution that defines each emirate as its own economic unit entitled to its own natural resources—revenue from Abu Dhabi's vast oil reserves tends to flow into the federal budget and across the country.

Nearly 90 percent of Emiratis who work are employed by the government, which provides long-term job security along with far more disposable income than workers in most other countries receive.

Increasingly, though, the government appears intent on scaling back its support. As part of that effort, the UAE has embarked on a plan to encourage the private sector to allocate training and jobs for Emiratis who would otherwise look to the government.

Yet throughout the oil-rich Gulf Arab countries, the need for jobs is outpacing available work. The International Monetary Fund says that out of 1.6 million youths in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates who will enter the

workforce by 2018, 1 million could fail to find jobs.

"The key challenge to the UAE is to find the incentives for the local labor to join the private sector," said George Naufal, an economics professor at the American University of Sharjah.

With most Gulf states propelled by high birth rates, the collective cost of government benefits is accelerating.

"Think about it in terms of a father hinting at his children that it is time for them to be independent and make their own economic path," Naufal said. "At some point, this should happen."

It won't come without hardship.

Without government support for housing and school fees for children, the number of Emiratis living on less than 80 dirhams (\$22) a day would rise by 21 percent in Dubai and would double in Sharjah, according to a study conducted in 2009 by the Dubai Economic Council, an advisory council to the Dubai government.

When street protests erupted in other areas of the Middle East in 2011, the crown prince of Abu Dhabi pledged \$1.6 billion to upgrade the electrical and water systems of the less-developed northern emirates.

It was an acknowledgement of the destabilization that a sizable wealth gap can kindle—and the role of government-backed spending in preventing

such disparities from igniting social upheavals. The welfare system has helped reinforce long-standing political loyalty.

Al-Shami recalls harder times before the region's oil boom. Equipped with little more than a basket, rope and stones to weigh them down, men would sail into the Persian Gulf waters in search of fish and pearls. In the desert heat, women would walk to fetch water from the closest wells.

Bread and tea were luxuries, rationed by British colonialists. Homes were made of palm tree branches. There was no electricity, no hospitals. Paved roads were few.

Today, al-Shami lives on a \$2,800 monthly pension from having worked for the government after the UAE's formation. To earn some money on the side, he's returned to the sea, where he can now afford to hire South Asian laborers to fish for him.

Khalaf Al Hammadi, director general of the Abu Dhabi Retirement Pensions and Benefits Fund, said that up to \$545 million a year is spent on 13,500 pensioners and beneficiaries in Abu Dhabi alone.

Emiratis pay just 5 percent of their salary toward retirement pensions. The minimum monthly pension is at least \$2,800 a month, though it can go much higher for people who earned top pay before retirement. By contrast, Americans pay nearly 8 percent of income up to

\$117,000 for an average monthly Social Security disbursement of \$1,294.

The tax-free income for everyone in the UAE is especially unusual. Around a quarter of Emirati men work in the armed forces. Though few of them hold university degrees, more than 60 percent earned over \$5,000 a month when the most recent study was published in 2009. Numerous pay increases have been granted since.

Consider the retirement age. Whereas the average age of retirement in the United States is 62, in Abu Dhabi the average is 45 for women and 55 for men. Once an Emirati mother has completed 15 years of work—whether in the public or private sector—she can retire and begin receiving benefits so she can spend more time with her family.

When an Emirati man dies and leaves dependents, the government ensures that his widow and children are provided for until his daughters are married and his sons find work. And when the daughter of a deceased retiree marries, the fund gives the bride six times the value of her father's monthly pension as a wedding gift.

"We do not have feelings of fear or insecurities about experiencing a financial crisis or that one will retire and the government will not stick to its promises," Al Hammadi said. "The government is there assisting people."

Good Housekeeping

Help your small space live large

By **ANGIE HICKS**
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Feeling cramped but don't want to move? There many ways to make small seem spacious. Embracing a "less is more" mindset is even trendy, with micro homes attracting macro interest on social media and on TV.

Granted, your home is likely larger than a true "tiny house," which tends to max out at 400 square feet. But plenty of homes are less than 2,598 square feet, the average size for houses built in 2013, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Here are tips from top-rated interior designers, home stagers

COMFORT FOOD

Banana-Buster Cream Dessert

By **HEALTHY EXCHANGES**
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Do you love bananas and peanuts together? This show-stopping (but easy) dessert lets that combo shine.

12 (2 1/2-inch) chocolate graham cracker squares (divided)

1 (4-serving) package sugar-free vanilla cook-and-serve pudding mix

2/3 cup nonfat dry milk powder

1 1/4 cups water

1 (8-ounce) fat-free cream cheese

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 cups (2 medium) sliced bananas

1 cup fat-free whipped topping

2 tablespoons (1/2-ounce) chopped dry-roasted peanuts

1. Evenly arrange 9 graham crackers in a 9-by-9-inch cake pan.

2. In a large saucepan, combine dry pudding mix, dry milk powder and water. Cook over medium heat until mixture thickens and starts to boil, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.

3. Add cream cheese and vanilla extract. Mix well using a wire whisk until well-blended. Fold in banana slices. Spread mixture evenly over cracker crust.

4. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Spread fat-free whipped topping over set filling. Crush remaining 3 graham crackers. Evenly sprinkle cracker crumbs and peanuts over top. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Cut into 8 servings.

■ *Each serving equals: 143 calories, 3g fat, 7g protein, 22g carb., 259mg sodium, 1g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Starch/Carb., 1/2 Meat, 1/2 Fruit, 1/2 Fat.*

and real estate agents for how to make the most of small rooms:

PICK YOUR PALETTE: Consider neutral or light paint colors, which reflect light and can make a room appear larger. Using one main color alone or in a variety of shades can create a sense of serenity. If you introduce a secondary color, do so in small splashes.

CREATE A FOCAL POINT: Keep color, pattern and materials simple, but introduce one bold or special element, such as an elaborate mirror, artwork or pendant light fixture. Another way to draw

the eye is to paint one wall in an otherwise neutral room a bold or dark tone.

KEEP IT SIMPLE: Choose items with simple lines and shapes. Reduce visual clutter with a few larger pieces of furniture rather than multiple small items. You don't have to stick with the typical sofa and loveseat arrangement. Consider pairing a small couch or loveseat with one or two chairs.

CLEAR THE CLUTTER: Remove excess items from any small room, including accessories that contribute to visual clutter. Avoid small artwork and

décor items; larger pieces can make a space feel larger and make more of a statement.

LET THERE BE LIGHT: Brighter spaces appear larger than dim ones. Uncover windows. Don't block views to windows and doors; the farther you can see into a space, the larger and more open it seems.

Recessed lighting and sconces can be a space-saving way to shed light. In some cases, recessed lights may negate the need for end tables and lamps. Other lighting options include accent, track or under-cabinet fixtures.

REFLECT ON THIS: A large mirror—or gallery of smaller ones—along the longest wall of a room can make it seem wider. Other space-enhancing ideas: two mirrors across from each other, a mirror across from a window, an oversized framed mirror leaning against a wall.

CARVE OUT SPACE: Consider furniture that serves multiple functions. A headboard can double as a bookshelf. An ottoman can provide hidden storage and work as a coffee table.

Add storage by recessing shelving into a wall, or extending bookshelves to the ceiling.

To create the illusion of more space, paint the inside of shelves a deeper shade than the wall color.

BOOST YOUR BATHROOM: One of the best ways to make a bathroom seem more spacious is to trade a traditional cabinet vanity for a pedestal sink. Install a medicine cabinet for storage. If you keep a cabinet, consider one with legs or open shelves. Another tip: Swap your shower curtain for a glass door or, more affordably, a clear curtain.

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THIS IS A HAMMER

Shutter repair

By **SAMANTHA MAZZOTTA**
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Q : My mother's house has wooden louver shutters that have stayed open on either side of the windows outside the house for years and years. Many of them are in disrepair. Are they worth saving, or should I replace them?

A: The decision to repair or replace the shutters is ultimately yours. But there are some factors you can consider as you make that decision.

■ How many shutters are on the house? You would

likely need to replace all of them if you're refreshing the exterior. Shutter replacement can cost between \$35 and \$55 per shutter.

■ Are the current shutters of good quality or unique design? You may not be able to find a match.

■ Would the time and effort involved in repairing the shutters be more than the cost of replacement?

■ Consider what it will take to remove each shutter, the amount of repair needed, the hours it will take to accomplish the repair and the cost of the supplies needed to fix them.

If you decide to replace the shutters, count how many you'll

need. To save money you might consider just replacing the most heavily damaged with matching or near-matching shutters and then finish replacing the rest when it's more convenient. The risk you run, of course, is not being able to purchase the same shutters later.

Find the manufacturer name and details about the shutter (like dimensions), if possible. In newer shutters the information may be found on a sticker or tag on the inside frame edge. If there is no information, measure the height and width of the shutter. You should also measure the shutters on the second floor and any additional floors or attic windows, if the house

has them, as the dimensions may vary. Then, order the shutters you'll need along with new hardware.

If you decide to repair the shutters, determine which are the most damaged, which need no repair and which need some repair or just touch-ups or repainting. Schedule a few hours each day or weekend to remove one set of shutters at a time and repair them.

Here's the link to a video that details how to repair damaged exterior wooden shutters: <http://www.thisoldhouse.com/toh/video/0,,1632408,00.html>

As the video points out, often the joints of the shutters separate, causing the louvers

to slip out of place. Here's another video that shows how a decorative shutter with minor wood rot is repaired in place: <http://www.todayshomeowner.com/video/how-to-repair-exterior-wood-shutters/>.

If louvers are badly damaged or rotted, you should be able to find replacements in the same dimensions at your home-improvement store.

HOME TIP: Exterior shutters need little maintenance if they're in good shape. Brush away debris and dirt when needed, and keep shrubs and other plants trimmed back.

Send your questions or home tips to ask@thisisahammer.com.

Life & Style

Swift pulls music from streaming service Spotify

NEW YORK (AP)—Spotify stopped streaming Taylor Swift's music at her request Monday, setting up a business struggle between the industry's most popular artist and the leading purveyor of a new music distribution system.

The music streaming service, in a statement, sounded like a spurned boyfriend in a statement announcing the split. The company said Swift's management told it to pull the music late last week and it was done Monday, so all of her songs are no longer available to Spotify's 40 million users. Swift's single, "Shake It Off," was the most-played song on Spotify last week.

"We were both young when we first saw you, but now there's more than 40 million of us who want you to stay, stay, stay," Spotify said. "It's a love story, baby. Just say yes."

Swift's spokeswoman did not immediately return a call for comment.

The decision means that a large number of fans will have only one option to hear "1989," and that's to buy it—which hundreds of thousands of people have already done. Music's most influential artist is simultaneously making a political statement and a savvy business move.

More than 700,000 people bought "1989" in the first two days it went on sale last week, according to Nielsen SoundScan. That already exceeds the year's biggest one-week seller, Coldplay's "Ghost Stories," which sold 383,000 in May. David Bakula, Nielsen music analyst, said Swift is on pace to challenge the 1.2 million copies she sold the first week her last album, "Red," went on sale.

Music streaming services and file sharing have sharply cut into music sales for artists over the past couple of years. Many artists complain that the fees Spotify pays to record labels and music publishers, with a portion eventually funneled to musicians, is too small.

The "1989" album has never streamed on Spotify, although "Shake It Off" was allowed on the service. All of the music Swift has officially released in her career, including "Shake It Off," was pulled on Monday.

Swift's move has precedence.



In this Oct. 30, 2014 file photo, Taylor Swift performs on ABC's "Good Morning America" in Times Square in New York.

She briefly pulled "Red" from Spotify around the time that album came out, although she didn't remove her entire catalogue and "Red" eventually appeared on Spotify. This summer, Swift wrote in the Wall Street Journal that artists should fight

to be paid what they are worth.

"Music is art, and art is important and rare," Swift wrote in the Journal. "Important, rare things are valuable. Valuable things should be paid for. It's my opinion that music should not be free, and my predic-

tion is that individual artists and their labels will someday decide what an album's price point is. I hope they don't underestimate themselves or undervalue their art."

Spotify says that nearly 70 percent of the revenue it re-

ceives from paying customers goes back to rightsolders in the form of royalty payments, and the more people who pay for Spotify, the more money artists get. People pay \$9.99 a month for Spotify's premium streaming service.

But artists are getting more vocal in their complaints about how music streaming is damaging their ability to make a living. Singer Rosanne Cash, in a Facebook post this fall, called music streaming "dressed-up piracy."

"I'm in this business and I see young musicians give up their missions and dreams all the time because they can't make a living," Cash wrote. "Someone has to speak up for them."

It's unclear whether Swift's move will start a trend with other musicians, many of whom might not want to risk cutting their fans off from a way of hearing music that's growing increasingly popular. It's similar to when several artists were reluctant to let their music become available on iTunes when that service started out, although most eventually came around, said Keith Caulfield, associate director of charts and sales at Billboard magazine.

Swift "is in a fairly unique situation," Caulfield said.

'It's only a car': Some 'Car Talk' host quips

Tom Magliozzi, the co-host of NPR's "Car Talk" show who died Monday at 77, regaled generations of listeners. Here are a few of his unforgettable quips:

- "It's only a car."
- "If it falls off, it doesn't matter."
- "Never let the facts stand in the way of a good answer."
- "Life is too short to own a German car."
- "Do it while you're young. You may never have another chance to do anything this stupid again!"
- "It is better to travel in hope than arrive in despair."
- "Happiness equals reality minus expectations."
- "How do you know if you've got a good mechanic? By the size of his boat."
- "If money can fix it, it's not a problem."
- "I like to drive with the windows open. I mean, before you know it, you're going to spend plenty of time sealed up in a box anyway, right?"
- "Don't drive like my brother."

Co-host of NPR's Car Talk dies at 77

BOSTON (AP)—Tom Magliozzi, one half of the brother duo who hosted National Public Radio's "Car Talk," where they bantered with callers and commiserated over their car problems, died Monday of complications from Alzheimer's disease, the news organization said. He was 77 years old.

"Car Talk" was NPR's most popular entertainment program for years, reaching more than 4 million people a week on more than 600 radio stations across the country at its peak. It continued to be a top-rated show even after the brothers stopped taping live shows in 2012 and the network began airing reruns and archived materials.

Car Talk Executive Producer Doug Berman, in a statement posted on NPR's website, said Magliozzi's "dominant, positive personality" will be missed.

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"He and his brother changed public broadcasting forever," he said. "Before Car Talk, NPR was formal, polite, cautious... even stiff."

The duo, which called themselves "Click and Clack, the Tappet Brothers," mixed sound advice about repairing cars with sharp one-liners, self-deprecating humor and off-topic digressions on philosophy and the mysteries of life.

"I like to drive with the windows open. I mean, before you know it, you're going to spend plenty of time sealed up in a box anyway, right?" Tom once quipped on-air. The brothers always ended their shows with a catchphrase—"Don't drive like my brother"—delivered in their signature Boston accents.

Ray Magliozzi affectionately teased his late brother, who was 12 years his senior, in a statement posted on Car Talk's

website: "Turns out he wasn't kidding...He really couldn't remember last week's puzzler."

The Cambridge, Massachusetts, brothers were an unlikely radio duo. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduates opened a car repair shop in the early 1970s.

As the story goes, Tom was invited to a radio round-table discussion with other local auto mechanics on Boston's NPR affiliate, but was the only one to actually show up. He impressed the station's producers, however, and was invited back the following week. Tom brought along Ray, and "Car Talk" was born.

The weekly Boston-produced program began airing in 1977 and became nationally-broadcast starting in 1987.

Magliozzi was born June 28, 1937, in a largely Italian-American section of East Cambridge.

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In this June 19, 2008 photo, brothers Ray, left, and Tom Magliozzi, co-hosts of National Public Radio's "Car Talk" show, pose for a photo in Cambridge, Mass.

According to NPR, he was the first in his family to attend college, earning a chemical engineering degree. Besides running a car repair business, Magliozzi worked at times as a consultant and college professor.

Magliozzi is survived by his first and second wives, three

children, five grandchildren, and his close companion of recent years, Sylvia Soderberg, NPR said in a statement. In lieu of followers, the family has requested fans make a donation in his memory to either their local NPR station or the Alzheimer's Association.

Celeb-packed funeral held for Oscar de la Renta

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Sawyer (with husband Mike Nichols) and Andrea Mitchell, dance great Baryshnikov, and designers Diane von Furstenberg, Ralph Lauren, Michael Kors, Donna Karan and Tommy Hilfiger at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola on Manhattan's Upper East Side, along with Vogue editor Anna Wintour, photographer Annie Leibovitz, and supermodel Karlie Kloss.

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"I think he would be overwhelmed because he had all kinds of people from all parts of his life," she said.

The Dominican-born designer, famous for glamorous garments that combined intricate workmanship with luxurious materials, was as admired on Hollywood red carpets as he was at socialites' soirees. Most recently, Amal Alamuddin wore a de la

Renta-designed dress when she married George Clooney at a lavish wedding in Venice.

Monday's service lasted about one hour. According to the printed program, honorary ushers included the designer's son, Moises de la Renta; TV newsmen Charlie Rose, and singer Julio Iglesias. Readings were to be given by Clinton, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, and former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, among others.

Miranda Lambert is 'All About That Bass'

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)—Blake Shelton isn't the only person Miranda Lambert is texting these days—she's also been chatting it up with breakthrough singer Meghan Trainor.

The country star, who will perform with the "All About That Bass" singer at the Country Music Awards, said she has yet to meet the newcomer with the year's biggest hit.

"I've not met Meghan yet, but we've been texting back and forth," Lambert said in an interview Mon-

day in Nashville, Tennessee, where the CMAs will be held Wednesday. "We've listened to 'All About That Bass' probably about a thousand times this summer on the tour, so I already know it, obviously."

"Bass" is spending its eighth week on top of the Billboard Hot 100 chart. Trainor, who released an EP this year, will drop a full-length album in January and launch a tour a month later.

The doo-wop pop song has sold more than 3 million tracks so far.

"It's a song about positive body image and kind of rocking what you got, and I am all about that," Lambert, 30, said about "Bass."

Lambert, who is the lead nominee at the CMAs with nine, says she and Trainor will make a "great match."

"I think we're probably going to feel like we've known each other for a while," she said. "Probably feel like we're kindred spirits."

Trainor grew up in Nantucket, Massachusetts, but recently moved to Nashville, where she was signed to a

publishing house. She wrote songs for Rascal Flatts and others.

"Maybe we'll spike up a friendship (and) we can write up some songs together," said Lambert. "That would be amazing. She's a great writer."

The 2014 CMAs will air live on ABC.



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In this Oct. 9, 2014 file photo, Meghan Trainor attends the PEOPLE "Ones to Watch" Party at The Line Hotel in Los Angeles.

US court: Anna Nicole Smith manager can be retried



In this Oct. 2, 2000 file photo model Anna Nicole Smith smiles as she walks to the courthouse with her attorney Howard Stern in Houston.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Anna Nicole Smith's manager can be retried on conspiracy charges related to obtaining prescription drugs for use by the model, the California Supreme Court ruled Monday.

The decision returns the case to a criminal judge in Los Angeles, but it does not guarantee that Howard K. Stern will be retried.

The ruling states that Stern

could face a retrial on two conspiracy charges if a judge grants a request for a new trial and does not find another legal basis to dismiss the case.

Stern was previously acquitted of most of the 11 counts he faced related to the obtaining of drugs for Smith, who died in Florida in 2007.

A jury convicted Stern and Smith's psychiatrist Dr. Kristine Eroshevich of two counts each of conspiring with to ob-

tain prescriptions under a false name in 2010.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Robert Perry later dismissed the case, saying it was not unusual in the celebrity world for fake names to be used to protect privacy.

An appeals court then ordered the convictions reinstated and ruled that Stern could not be retried due to double jeopardy—a legal principle that prevents people from being tried twice for the same crime.

"We look forward to going before Judge Perry to give him the opportunity to grant our motion for a new trial," Stern's attorney Steve Sadow said.

The case against Stern and Eroshevich involved prescriptions given to Smith in the months before she died of an accidental drug overdose. The defendants were not charged with causing her death.

Eroshevich also was convicted of one count of obtaining Vicodin under a false name.

Perry dismissed the conspiracy counts and reduced the remaining conviction against Eroshevich to a misdemeanor

with a sentence of one year of probation and a \$100 fine. Her lawyer has said she has fulfilled those terms.

Monday's ruling did not impact Eroshevich's case.

A co-defendant, Dr. Sandeep Kapoor, who was Smith's physician, has been acquitted of all charges.

Tom Hanks has deal for short story collection

NEW YORK (AP)—Talk about typecasting: Tom Hanks has a book deal for a collection of stories inspired in part by his personal collection of typewriters.

Publisher Alfred A. Knopf announced Monday that it has an



agreement with the Oscar-winning actor. The book is currently untitled and no publication date has been set. Financial terms were not disclosed.

In a statement released by Knopf, the 58-year-old Hanks

said he had been collecting typewriters since 1978 and that his upcoming collection would feature stories "that might have been written on one of them."

Hanks' "Alan Bean Plus Four," the story of four friends who travel to the moon, was recently published in The New Yorker.

'Dancing with the Stars' set to go on tour

NEW YORK (AP)—"Dancing with the Stars" is packing up its ballroom and hitting the road.

The long-running ABC competition show, which pairs celebrities with professional dancers, is launching a 33-city tour called "Dancing with the Stars: Live!"

Mark Ballas and Witney Carson are the first two official dancers to join the production, it was revealed on Monday's broadcast.

Ballas also will perform live music from his new EP "Kicking Clouds."

More announcements will

be made throughout the current "Dancing" season, including celebrity participants.

The tour kicks off Dec. 27 in Niagara Falls, New York and runs through Feb. 15.

"Dancing with the Stars" is in its 19th season and airs Mondays at 8 p.m. EDT.

Daughter's new lifestyle puts mother in an awkward position

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, the mother of six children, has left her husband and is now involved in a three-way with a man and woman. She has not shielded her kids from these "new friends," as she calls them. Because I won't let her "friends" come along, she refuses to visit me.

I love my daughter, but I consider this relationship to be sick, and I hate that she's exposing her children to these people. Am I wrong to tell her to leave her bedroom activity out of the picture and visit me for just a day without them? We were always very close, but no more.

DISTRESSED MIDWESTERN GRANNY

DEAR DISTRESSED: I'm sure you love your daughter, but sometimes the way we phrase things can get in the way of the message we are trying to convey. Perhaps if you invited her to visit "because you love her and would like to spend some mother-daughter time with her," it would be perceived as less judgmental and more welcoming.

She may be reluctant to spend time alone with you because she knows it will result in a lecture from you about her lifestyle. Remember, she's an adult woman and can make decisions about her sex life for herself. While you and I may think it's unwise for her to expose her children to this triad, that message might be more appropriate coming from THEIR father, rather than HER mother.

DEAR ABBY: For the past few months I have been dating a

man I'll call "Barry." This is my first relationship in five years and we get along well.

When we first met, I was physically attracted to Barry for many reasons, but in particular because he had a gorgeous beard. A beard is kind of important for me. Some women like tall men, others like long hair. I'm a "beard woman."

The problem is, Barry has told me I ogle any beard I see (not true). And he now gets annoyed if I look at or compliment HIS beard. A few days ago, he shaved it off.

I care about Barry, but I'm not as attracted to him when he's clean-shaven. I think he did it as an act of defiance. How can I get him to understand that I don't ogle every beard I see, and convince him to keep his whiskers without hurting his ego?

FUZZ-LOVING IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR FUZZ-LOVING: Barry may have shaved the beard as "an act of defiance"—or not. He may have done it because it was uncomfortably hot or itchy, and he prefers being clean-shaven. My advice is to ask him—in a non-hostile way—why he got rid of it.

Many people think that the person BEHIND a beard is what's most important. However, if you're not one of them, because he's no longer willing to wear one, you may have to look elsewhere for a furry friend.

DEAR ABBY: I am at a loss about what to tell certain friends

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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and family members about my job. I work in the adult industry to put myself through college, and I'm having a hard time finding a lie I can stick to. While I am not ashamed of what I do, I certainly can't tell my grandfather. This puts me in the awkward predicament of having to be dishonest with someone I love. Do you have any advice?

LIVING A DOUBLE LIFE

DEAR LIVING: Yes. Because lying to your friends and relatives makes you uncomfortable, consider some other way to pay for your education.

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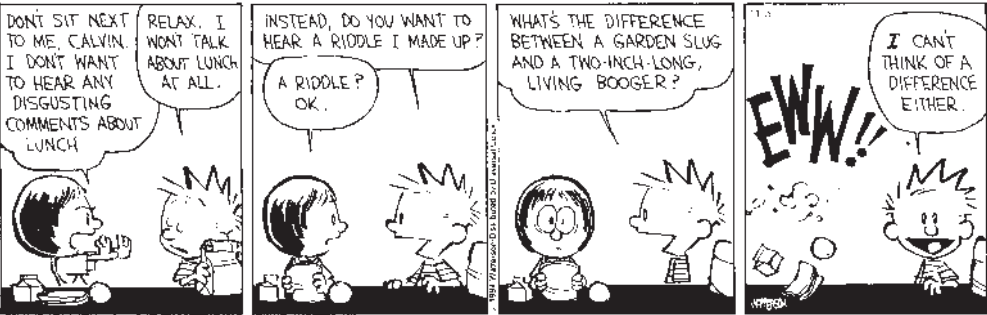
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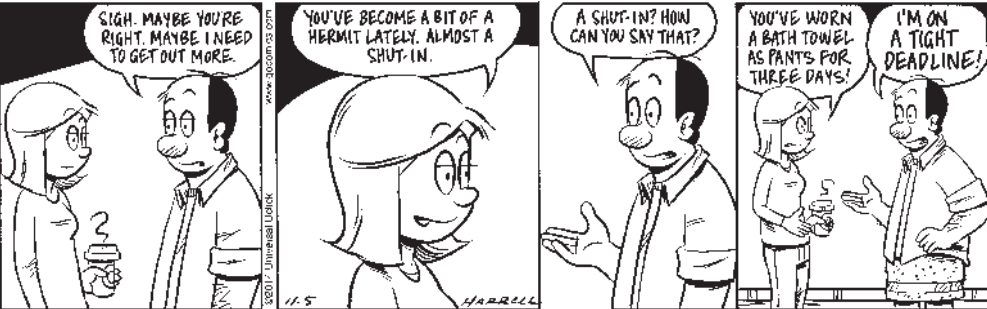


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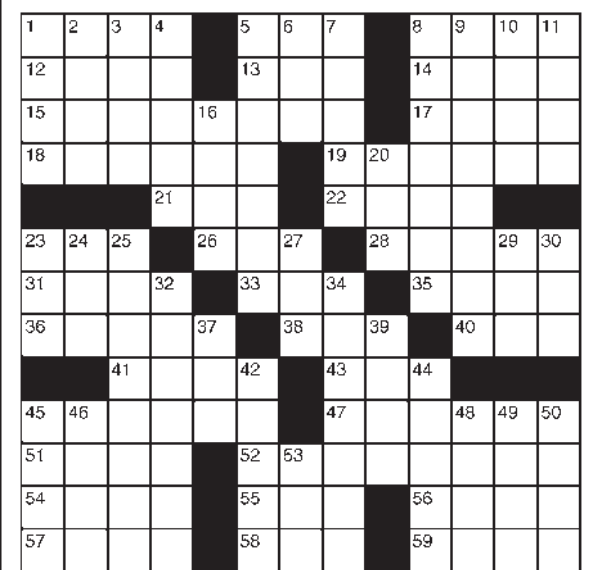
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You've got a lot to deal with, but anger is not the answer. Take a step back and do your best to rethink what's transpired before you take action. Say little and do what's necessary to maintain peace.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take a short trip. Make a visit to someone who can offer you insight, knowledge or a helping hand. A partnership will help you secure your position and give you the clout you need to convince others to share your concern.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can make a difference if you offer suggestions and implement diverse ways to use your skills. Your ability to find solutions will increase your popularity. Cutting domestic expenses will help you get ahead financially.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let last-minute changes bother you. Do your own thing. Show everyone how innovative you are and you will build a support system

that doesn't depend on what others do. Romance is on the rise. Check out an unusual interest.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get together with friends or sign up for a course. The experience you have and the knowledge you gain will be enriching. Getting back to basics and controlling your emotional response will help you bypass someone who is critical.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Getting involved in social events that are geared toward meeting new people and learning about opportunities in your chosen field will be enlightening. Don't be too quick to make a move. Do your research first in order to get the best deal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let personal matters slow you down or stand in the way of your professional advancement. Interact with people who have something to offer, not on those asking for something or putting demands on your time. A partnership can help expand your financial intake.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make a concerted effort to get along with your peers. Overreacting or taking on more than you can handle will not work in your favor. Choose self-improvement over trying to change others. Taking an unusual approach will prove beneficial.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Listen, learn and put your findings into play. You can make positive changes that will benefit you at home and at work as long as

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you avoid making rash moves based on anger instead of facts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Emphasis should be put on being productive at work where you can make a difference to your financial future. Don't waste time on emotional matters that are unpredictable and can only lead to upset and wasting valuable time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Group endeavors will be costly and lead to negative encounters. Think matters through and put your money where you feel it will bring the highest return. Invest in yourself, not someone else. Follow your gut and don't look back.

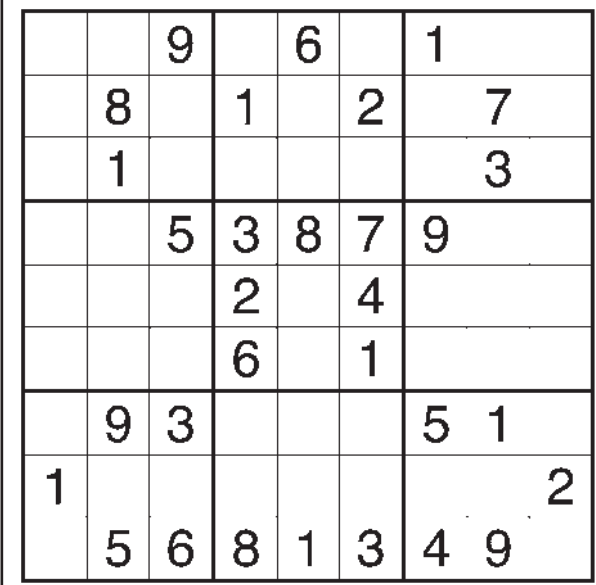
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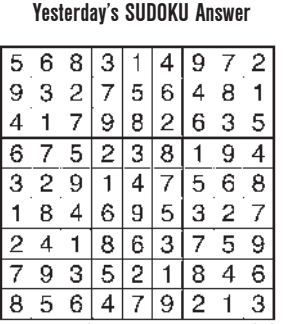
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Luck throws for 4 TDs; Indy routs Giants, 40-24



EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—The Indianapolis Colts weren't going to have a hangover from last week's defeat.

Andrew Luck wouldn't allow it. Luck threw for four touchdowns and the Colts' defense kept Eli Manning and the Giants off balance Monday night in Indianapolis' 40-24 romp.

With his franchise-record seventh consecutive 300-yard game, Luck led the Colts (6-3) to a lopsided win one week after a 51-34 loss to Pittsburgh. Unlike the way Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger toyed with their defense in that game, the Colts didn't let Manning get going in handing New York (3-5) its third straight defeat.

Luck hit Coby Fleener for a 32-yard TD in the first half. He had scoring throws of 31 yards to T.Y. Hilton, 40 yards to Reggie Wayne and 2 yards to Dwayne Allen in the third period.

Adam Vinatieri added four field goals and is perfect on 20 tries this year.

It was the eighth time this season that Luck had thrown for more than 300 yards and the 17th time in his three pro seasons. He was 25 for 46 for 354 yards.

Wayne surpassed James Lofton for career yards receiving and has 14,070 in his 14-season career.

Giants first-round pick Odell Beckham Jr. had 156 yards on eight receptions, by far his best



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Andrew Luck (12) and New York Giants' Eli Manning (10) talk after an NFL football game Monday, Nov. 3, 2014, in East Rutherford, N.J. The Colts won, 40-24.

game. Manning threw for 359 yards and two TDs, but most of that came with the game decided.

Luck seemed to look for Fleener on every pass in the first half. That well-established combination - they played together at Stanford before joining the Colts in 2012 - paid off on consecutive passes for the game's first touchdown.

But the Colts probably caught a break on one of those plays. Fleener was awarded a 21-yard gain to the New York 32, al-

though video replays showed he dropped the ball. Giants coach Tom Coughlin threw the challenge flag too late, seconds before Fleener was uncovered down the right side for a 32-yard touchdown.

Meanwhile, New York was plagued by drops by its receivers, an inability to sustain a ground game, and enough pressure on Manning to force long or high throws that had no chance to be caught. Indy led 16-3 at the half thanks to Fleener's TD and field goals of

48, 31 and 48 yards by Vinatieri, who added a 43-yarder in the fourth quarter.

The Colts held the Giants to 143 yards in the opening half, and then staged an 84-yard drive to Hilton's TD on the first series of the third quarter.

New York matched that drive to finally get into the end zone. Beckham got loose for a 59-yard gain on a pass from Manning, and then Andre Williams broke two tackles for a 24-yard reception. Williams surged in from the 1 to make

it 23-10.

Luck simply picked New York apart on the next series

SIDEBAR

Manning vs Brady: A rivalry worth treasuring

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)—Even if, by Peyton Manning's assessment, the latest installment of his great rivalry with Tom Brady "stunk," it remains something to treasure.

Yes, Brady's Patriots routed Manning's Broncos 43-21 at Gillette Stadium, a personal house of horrors for the record-setting Manning. And, sure, there have been much better games involving their teams.

What both of them—and all football fans—need to recognize is that with Manning at 38 and Brady at 37, these matchups won't occur many more times. So if their teams find their way into a playoff meeting in January, it will deserve the same kind of hype this one got.

Let's just hope it's more competitive.

What was on display Sunday was Brady at his best, helped by a rapidly improving receiving corps and offensive line, terrific special teams and the usual befuddling defensive schemes that Manning can't seem to conquer in Foxborough. Most telling as he fell to 2-7 in the venue - and 5-11 overall against Brady - was how often the Broncos had to rush to get the snap off before the play clock expired.

Manning, of course, is a master of histrionics at the line of scrimmage. But in this game, he seemed more like

the one confused than the one confusing the defense.

That happens a lot against New England.

"I guess I'm not smart enough to draw that many connections," said Manning, perhaps the smartest quarterback to play the game. "I kind of take them one year at a time. (There are) different players and we didn't on offense do the things we talked about doing. That starts with me; I've got to play better. That's pretty plain and simple. When the quarterback stinks, usually you're not going to win too many games."

Manning didn't come close to Brady's performance Sunday, but he didn't stink. He and his team, whose defense was ranked fourth in the NFL heading into the matchup, played their worst game of the year, though.

That makes another potential Manning-Brady encounter even more intriguing. That it would have to come in the playoffs if it happens this season is something to cherish.

Brady, who threw for four touchdowns and had open receivers all over the field in the final three periods, seems to expect at least one more head-to-head encounter. And after the Broncos beat the Patriots to get to the Super Bowl last winter, Brady awaits such a rematch.

Chicago Cubs introduce Joe Maddon as manager



CHICAGO (AP)—Joe Maddon's unusual road to the manager's office at Wrigley Field included a job interview at an RV park in Pensacola, Florida.

The first public stop was a bar across the street from the iconic ballpark, where Maddon offered to buy a beer and a shot for everyone in the room.

"The Hazleton way," he said in tribute to his Pennsylvania hometown.

If the beginning of Maddon's partnership with the Cubs is any indication, this is going to be one interesting ride.

Maddon brought his unconventional style to Chicago on Monday when he was introduced as the Cubs' fifth manager since the start of the 2010 season, replacing Rick Renteria after just one year on the job. Flanked by smiling executives Jed Hoyer and Theo Epstein, he slipped on a pinstriped No. 70 jersey and repeatedly said how he excited he was about his new job.

Perhaps more importantly, at least for a century's worth of frustrated Cubs fans, he talked about winning—right now.

"Listen, for me, I'm going to be talking playoffs next year. OK, I'm going to tell you that right now," said Maddon, who got a \$25 million, five-year contract - making him one of the highest paid managers in the game, "because I can't go to spring training and say another thing. I'm just incapable of doing that. Why would you even report?"

The 60-year-old Maddon had a 754-705 record in nine seasons in Tampa Bay, leading the club to four playoff appearances, two AL East titles and a five-game loss to Philadelphia in the 2008 World Series. The two-time AL Manager of the Year also was the bench coach for six seasons under Angels manager Mike Scioscia before he was hired by Tampa Bay in November 2005.

The Rays went 77-85 this year, and Maddon opted out of his contract after Andrew Friedman left Tampa Bay's front office to take over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Oct. 14. The Cubs already had a manager in Renteria, but Epstein felt he had to act on Maddon's free agency.

"You wrestle with those

things. As a person, I didn't want to do it," said Epstein, who also interviewed Maddon for the manager job with the Red Sox before he hired Terry Francona ahead of the 2004 season. "I don't want to ever be unfair to someone else. But as an executive and as someone charged with winning a World Series here, I had no choice but to do it. It was clearly the right move for the Cubs."

After Epstein confirmed with Major League Baseball that Maddon had opted out of his contract, Hoyer informed Renteria about what was going on. Then Epstein and Hoyer flew to Florida to meet with Maddon, who was traveling cross country with his wife, Jaye.

"We kind of sat behind the Cousin Eddie. That's our RV, the Cousin Eddie, a 43-foot Winnebago," Maddon said, "and we sat back there and pretty much just talked philosophy about how this is all going to work. For me, that was the most important thing. That's what I needed to know, that we were philosophically aligned."

Chicago finished 73-89 in Renteria's only season as a major league manager. The move

Paul's triple double powers Clippers past Jazz



LOS ANGELES (AP)—Chris Paul stole defensive rebounds from his own big men, the Clippers got 39 points from their bench, and it was all too much for the young Utah Jazz.

Clippers won 107-101 Monday night after blowing much of a 15-point lead, and went 3-1 playing four games in five nights to start the season.

Paul notched the NBA's first triple-double of the season and his first with the Clippers, finishing with 13 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds. He showed no ill effects after spraining his left foot a night earlier.

"We won, so that's all that matters," said Paul, who got 2 1/2 hours of treatment on his foot to be able to play.

Paul was the leading rebounder for the Clippers, who got outboarded 51-37.

"When he's going after rebounds like that, I guess it's hard for our bigs to crash," Utah's Gordon Hayward said. "A lot of those rebounds were defensive, so when our bigs are crashing that can be a load down there."

Blake Griffin scored 31 points, Jamal Crawford added 19 to go over 15,000 in his career and Reggie Bullock scored all of his 12 points on 3-pointers for the Clippers.

Crawford had missed Sunday's loss to Sacramento because of bruised ribs and he said he still feels only 70 percent. He returned to go over the milestone on a floating jumper at 6:53 of the fourth and has totaled 15,003 points in his 14-year career.

"It's a pretty good number," Crawford said. "I've been really consistent"

Hayward scored 27 points, Enes Kanter added 17 points and nine rebounds, and Alec Burks 16 points for Utah, which has lost three of four.

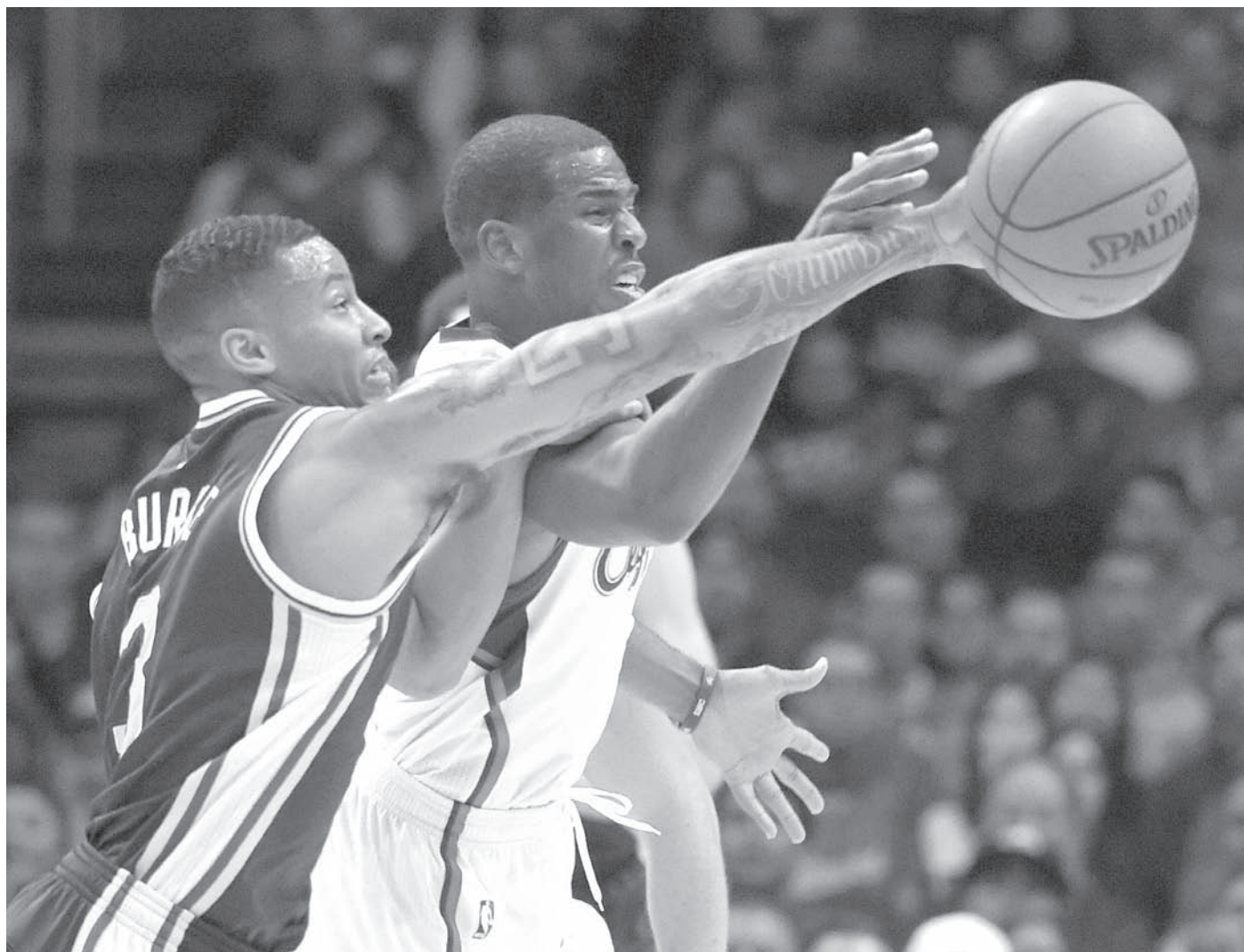
"The kid is amazing," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said of Hayward. "I've had a man crush for two years."

There were eight lead changes, but the Jazz never led by more than two points. Their last lead came on Rudy Gobert's dunk early in the fourth. They got within one twice more, but the Clippers found ways to keep extending the lead.

Kings 110, Nuggets 105

In Denver, Darren Collison scored 21 points, including three free throws in the final 16.2 seconds, and the Sacramento Kings held off the Denver Nuggets 110-105 on Monday night.

DeMarcus Cousins added 19 points and Reggie Evans grabbed 14 rebounds as the Kings started the season 3-1 for the first time since 2010-11. Sacramento showed no signs of fatigue after beating the Clippers the day before in Los Angeles.



Utah Jazz guard Trey Burke, left, and Los Angeles Clippers guard Chris Paul reach for a loose ball during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Nov. 3, 2014, in Los Angeles.

couldn't explain how happy he was to be back, though his smile said enough.

For the Oklahoma City Thunder, it was more misery.

Lopez scored 18 points in his first regular-season game in about 11 months, leading the Brooklyn Nets to the biggest home-opening romp in franchise history, a 116-85 victory over the injury-depleted Thunder on Monday night.

"I can't put it in words," Lopez said. "It was great to be back out there. I've missed it for a long time and our team definitely took care of business tonight. Our guys make it easy."

Alan Anderson added 18 points and Deron Williams had 17 points and nine assists for the Nets, who got their leading scorer back on a night the Thunder, already without Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook, lost yet another player to injury.

Collison secured the win by hitting two free throws with 8.7 seconds remaining.

The Nuggets had seven players in double figures, led by Aaron Afflalo and JaVale McGee with 16 points apiece. Wilson Chandler scored 12 of his 14 in the fourth quarter.

There were a combined 63 fouls resulting in 80 free throws.

Tied at 96, Ray McCallum drove past the Denver defense for a layup with 3:18 remaining to give the Kings a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

Chandler pulled the Nuggets close when he was fouled by Omri Casspi on a 3-point attempt with 25.6 seconds left. Chandler made all three to make it 105-103. That's as close as the Nuggets would get as Rudy Gay followed with two free throws.

Denver tried to cover Cousins by sending a wave of big men at him, but he helped get Timofey Mozgov, McGee and Jusuf Nurkic all in foul trouble. Cousins was coming off a 34-point, 17-rebound performance against the Clippers.

Mavericks 118, Celtics 113

In Dallas, Chandler Parsons scored 29 points, including a key 3-pointer to help Dallas hang on after going up by 30 before halftime for the second time in two home games, and the Mavericks beat the Boston Celtics 118-113 Monday night.

Avery Bradley had a chance to tie with three free throws when he was fouled on a 3-pointer by Monta Ellis with 39 seconds left after Boston trailed by 31 in the second quarter. But he missed the second one.

After Ellis put Dallas back up by three at 116-113, Parsons won a jump ball with Jar-

ed Sullinger, tipping it to Ellis, who was fouled by Rajon Rondo on a drive and made both free throws.

Dirk Nowitzki had 27 points. Jeff Green led the Celtics with 35, and Bradley had a career-high 32.

The Mavericks shot 73 percent in the first quarter and had at least 66 points at halftime for the third straight game, all wins since a season-opening loss at San Antonio.

But Dallas cooled off and couldn't shake Boston the way it did Utah after going up by 30 before halftime and losing more than half the lead in an 18-point win in the home opener.

Grizzlies 93, Pelicans 81

In Memphis, Marc Gasol scored 16 points, Zach Randolph had 15 and Tayshaun Prince added 14 as the Memphis Grizzlies extended their home-winning streak to a franchise record 16 straight Monday night with a 93-81 victory over the New Orleans Pelicans.

The Grizzlies, off to a franchise-best 4-0 start, got three double-doubles. Randolph had 11 rebounds to give him a double-double in each of the team's four games. Gasol (11 rebounds) and Tony Allen (12 points, 11 rebounds) also finished with double-doubles.

Tyreke Evans led the Pelicans (1-2) with 21 points. New Orleans shot only 34 percent from the field.

The Grizzlies pulled away in the fourth quarter behind reserve Vince Carter and Prince. Carter's turnaround jumper gave the Grizzlies a 71-66 lead midway through the quarter and two minutes later Prince scored back-to-back baskets

- the second a fast break slam off a feed from Beno Udrih for a 76-68 lead. In the closing minute Allen's two free throws gave the Grizzlies their biggest lead at 93-79.

Rockets 104, 76ers 93

In Philadelphia, James Harden had 35 points and nine rebounds and Dwight Howard added 11 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Houston Rockets past the Philadelphia 76ers 104-93 on Monday night.

Trevor Ariza hit six 3-pointers and scored 24 points to help Houston improve to 4-0. The Rockets made 16 of 34 3-pointers and dominated the Sixers 47-31 on the boards.

Harden made his first 17 free throws and the Rockets had assists on 27 of 32 field goals.

Tony Wroten led the winless Sixers (0-4) with 20 points and K.J. McDaniels had 14.

Ariza picked up in Philadelphia where he left off in March when he scored a career-high 40 points and spoiled Allen Iverson's jersey retirement celebration night. Playing for Washington, Ariza made all six 3-point attempts in the first quarter for 24 points and finished 14 of 23 from the floor overall.

He was nearly as potent for Houston in the first. Without a hand in his face, Ariza buried open shots from the corner and the Sixers made no attempt to stick a defender on him. He made all four 3s, scored 14 points and helped the Rockets race to a 13-point lead. Ariza was 5 of 6 on 3s for 19 points by halftime and helped push the Rockets' lead to 55-54.

Nets 116, Thunder 85

In New York, Brook Lopez

SIDEBAR

Prokhorov says he will retain control of Nets

NEW YORK (AP)—Brooklyn Nets owner Mikhail Prokhorov said Monday he will not give up control of the team and downplayed the club's money losses last season as "not a big deal."

Speaking before the Nets' home opener, Prokhorov says he is willing to listen to offers to sell a minority share of the team but that nothing is imminent.

There had been reports last month that he had been involved in discussions about selling part of the team, though general manager Billy King said afterward that Prokhorov wouldn't sell his majority stake.

"My position is that I will not give up control of the team, but you know I'm quite happy when somebody is sending me a nice offer without taking my controlling interest," Prokhorov said. "I think for the time being nothing is imminent, but still I think it's not bad just to listen."

Sprinkling humor among his talk about basketball business, the Russian billionaire also joked about the departure of former coach Jason Kidd but added that the Nets "shouldn't get mad, I think we should get even."

Prokhorov bought the team in 2010 and had set a goal of winning a championship in five years, though the Nets are not considered serious contenders this season.

"I stay committed to the championship. I think if the stars align, we can do this," Prokhorov said.

The bachelor has often said he would get married if the Nets didn't meet his five-year plan, and he said he hasn't begun the search for a bride.

"By the way, we have lost George Clooney, I think that is enough for this year," Prokhorov said.

Prokhorov signed off a blockbuster trade with Boston last June that brought the Nets Kevin Garnett and Paul Pierce, and left the Nets with a bill of nearly \$200 million in salaries and luxury taxes.

ESPN.com had reported that the Nets' basketball operations department lost \$144 million last season.

"It's not a big deal just because I personally compensated this money from my pocket and that's why I will keep the structure for the time being," Prokhorov said.

They let Pierce leave in free agency, seeming to signal a move toward more fiscal responsibility. But Prokhorov said he's still willing to spend, though wants a balance between veterans and younger players.

Kidd spent one season as Brooklyn coach before the Nets let him leave to coach the Milwaukee Bucks after he sought more power within the organization.

A division crown within Ridin' Darry's reach

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Three Sand Juvy teams have less than three weeks left to snatch the A division title from Naked Fish Ridin' Darry as the 2014 Spring-Fall season of the Bud Light Saipan Electronic Darts Association nears its end.

Ridin' Darry remained on top of the 10-team field with 116-71 win-loss slate, while the Sand Juvy Predators and sister team Outlawz are breathing down their necks at second and third spots. The Predators are holding on to a 114-73 or two wins behind the Ridin' Darry while the Outlawz are third at 113-74. The 101 Proofers, another Sand Juvy-backed squad, is in fourth with a 101-86 card and is mathematically still in the hunt for the division



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Players of Route 33 Chagi Fan pose for a photo before their game in the SEDA league last week.

crown, but it must start winning lopsided matches and pray the three other teams above the standings lose theirs.

Ridin' Darry kept the top ranking following a 12-5 win over Sand Juvy Bud Brothers (5th, 90-97) while the Predators and Outlawz are withering striking distance after beating Smoke Pub Comatose (10th, 64-123), 13-4, and Hunters (No.

8, 84-103), 10-7, respectively.

The Proofers (No. 4, 101-86) downed Sand Juvy Sakude (No. No. 7, 85-102), 12-5, while Route 33 Mafia (No. 9, 81-106) edged sister team Mix Blood (No. 6, 87-100), 9-8, in other division A matches.

Results in the Tuesday division had the Smoke Pub Dartaholics posting a 12-3 win over the Sand Juvy Sparkz; the Jok-

ers for MHS.

MHS used its homecourt edge to its full advantage in the second period and made shot after shot to put the game away further. The Lady Dolphins scored 21 points, while holding the Lady Knights to 5, their lowest output since the league opened on Oct. 1.

The Preston Basa-coached squad was never threatened from thereon for the lopsided win.

Ito led MHS, scoring 19 points, while Rastguiy, Pablo and Pena contributed 12, 10 and 10 respectively.

Travilla was the lone Lady Knight to break the 10-point barrier with her 13 markers.

In other game results last Wednesday, Oct. 29, Mt. Carmel School bounced back from the loss to MHS after breezing past Saipan Southern High School, 68-44.

Karleen Reyes led the Lady Knights with her season-high 23 points, while Travilla and

Jennifer Villagomez added 17 and 14 markers, respectively. Jamilla Alegre and Veronne Babauta added 10 points each for the Lady Manta Rays.

Saipan Southern, before the thrashing it received from MCS, was coming off a 44-38 victory over MHS 9 on Oct. 27.

Serafina Rogoyawa used her size advantage to the hilt and frolicked inside the paint en route to a team-high 22 points. Alyanna Garon scored a game-high 24 markers for MHS 9, while Shaina Abadilla chipped in 10.

In another game last week, Kagman survived MHS' junior varsity's second-half comeback bid to escape with a 26-22 win.

No player from both teams broke the double-digit mark with Ngiraisui and Marcy Ermitanio ending up with 8 apiece for Kagman and MHS, respectively.

In an all-MHS tiff, MHS 9 outlasted MHS junior varsity, 25-23, with Garon scoring 11

chipped in 17. Three other McDonald's players hit double figures with Tim Deleon Guerrero adding 13 and Kenneth Quemado and Gapor tallying 12 each.

Treat Kaipat backed up Norita with his 17 points and was the only other Saipan Ice player to score in twin digits, as Vince Pangelinan logged only 4 markers and Joel Fernandez and Kowlani Manoj gained 2 points each.

Kaipat and Norita were the only players to light up the board for Saipan Ice in the first period with the latter dropping 15 and the former adding 5 to keep the team afloat, 20-23. Mike Achas and Deleon Guerrero traded baskets with the two Saipan Ice gunners to give McDonald's the lead.

The Norita and Kaipat show continued in the second canto as they combined for 28 points and outgunned the entire McDon-

ald's crew to put Saipan Ice in front at the break, 48-47. Norita then got a little help from Fernandez and Manoj in the third to retain the slim lead. Saipan Ice eventually lost the driver's seat as Norita began missing several shots in the fourth and help from Kaipat did not come, while McDonald's got a lot from its starters and bench warmers. Kaipat was held to a free throw in the fourth period, while Norita muffed at least seven shots before drilling Saipan Ice's last three baskets. Pangelinan scored Saipan Ice's two other field goals.

McDonald's 90 – Mi. Achas 26, Mc. Achas 17, Deleon Guerrero 13, Quemado 12, Gapor 12, Rigua 6, C. Achas 4.

Saipan Ice 79 – Norita 55, Kaipat 17, Pangelinan 4, Fernandez 2, Manoj 2.

Scoring by quarters: 23-20, 47-48, 64-62, 90-79.

ers Xecutioners dumping Oleai Team Fearless, 10-5; the Smoke Pub Marupok and D'Mekaniks scoring similar 9-6 decisions against the Sand Juvy 22 Snipers and Smoke Pub High on Darts, respectively; and Jokers Dabarkads edging the Route33 Mixblood Shooters, 8-7.

In the Ladies division, the Naked Fish Dartin' Divas drubbed Smoke Pub Ladies Bull-It, 11-4, the Sand Juvy Vicious Darties downed Route33 Avengers, 10-5, while the Smoke Pub Mixed Nutz escaped with an 8-7 decision over the Jokers G-Side Shooters.

The Destroyers tripped the TRA-Bull Makerz, 12-5, while Shoot Balut scored an easy 17-0 triumph after the Outlawz failed to show up in the Masters division.

In the Chichirika C division, the Smoke Pub Snipers clipped the Bull-It, 12-3; Poseidon Fee-

for the former and Martina Ada making 14 for the latter.

OCTOBER 29 First Game

MCS V 68 – Reyes 23, Travilla 17, Villagomez 14, Hirayama 4, Sato 4, Flores 2, Manibusan 2, Yu 2.

SSHS V 44 –Alegre 10, Babauta 10, Alferos 6, Pude 6, Rogoyawa 6, Siech 4, Fleming 2.

Scoring by quarters: 26-12, 43-22, 55-34, 68-44.

Second Game

MHS V 67 – Rastguiy 14, Lopez 12, Pablo 12, Pena 11, Farro 4, Ito 4, Race 4, Echaves 2, Lee 2, Vergara 2.

KHS V 7 – Cabrera 2, Jettley 2, Ngiraisui 2, Jones 1.

Scoring by quarters: 24-0, 40-4, 48-6, 67-7.

OCTOBER 27 First Game

KHS V 26 –Ngiraisui 8, Lizama 4, T. Santos 3, Agulto 2, Cabrera 2, Lacay 2, Muna 2, S. Santos 2, Jones 1.

MHS JV 22 –Ermitanio 8,

lin' Lucky trounced Sand Juvy Ta Chagi, 11-4; the Spartans drubbed VFW 'Ombak' Hit'em Up, 10-5; and the Jokers Disciples and Barcode Breakers pulled off similar 8-7 decisions over Joe's DNA Jump It and Blue Koi's, respectively.

Smoke Pub D'Mekaniks, VFW Warriors, and Mixed-blood Shooters pulled off identical 10-5 wins over the 80 Proofers, Route 33 Bud Kings, and Sand Juvy No Fear, while Put3ska defeated Jokers Chagi Fan, 9-6 in the Fanihi division.

In the Flame Tree class, Naked Fish Na'Gupu and Jonny's Kyodai eked out identical 8-7 wins over Smoke Pub Team Figan and Oneshot, while Joe's Serial Killaz and Jokers Warriors defeated Sand Juvy Team Dart Balas and Ridin' Darry, respectively in similar scores, 9-6.

The league will stretch for

Ada 6, Olehkeh 5, Enriquez 3.

Scoring by quarters: 4-8, 11-10, 23-12, 26-22.

Second Game

SSHS V 44 – Rogoyowa 22, Alferos 7, Alegre 4, Pude 4, Dalawampu 3, Babauta 2, Fleming 2.

MHS 9 38 –Garon 24, Abadilla 10, Dalisay 4.

Scoring by quarters: 10-5, 22-14, 30-23, 44-38.

OCTOBER 22 First Game

MHS 9 25 – Garon 11, Berbosa 8, Abadilla 6.

MHS JV 23 –Ada 14, Enriquez 4, Acbo 3, Ermitanio 2.

Scoring by quarters: 4-4, 11-10, 19-15, 25-23.

Second Game

MHS V 63 – Ito 19, Rastguiy 12, Pablo 10, Pena 10, Lopez 6, Race 4, Vergara 2.

MCS V 37 –Travilla 13, Taimanao 8, Reyes 6, Sato 6, Manibusan 2, Villagomez 2.

Scoring by quarters: 22-14, 43-19, 50-31, 63-37.

(18), Mt. Carmel School (18), Koblerville (18), Brilliant Star (12), Eucon International (8), and San Antonio (1).

In the two other divisions, the defending champions are Hopwood and Grace Christian Academy. Hopwood foiled Whispering Palms' bid for a second division crown last year when the former gathered 84 points against the latter's 34. Saipan Community School completed the Top 3 after tallying 22 points. In the high school division, the Eagles, who were bannered then by Kensuke Kimura and Angel Marie Tan, registered 83 points to edge Saipan International School and Marianas High School, which scored 71 and 43, respectively.

Meanwhile, this weekend's races will begin at 8am, while warm-ups will start at 7am.

four more weeks as matches will continue to the season-ending Bud Light Cup. Other divisions, like the Masters, are expected to end by late November or early December.

The awards ceremony will be held on Jan. 25 after the Bud Light Cup.

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NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	2	1	.667	—
Toronto	2	1	.667	—
Brooklyn	2	1	.667	—
Boston	1	2	.333	1
Philadelphia	0	4	.000	2½

Southeast Division

Miami	3	0	1.000	—
Washington	2	1	.667	1
Atlanta	1	1	.500	1½
Charlotte	1	2	.333	2
Orlando	0	3	.000	3

Central Division

Chicago	2	1	.667	—
Cleveland	1	1	.500	½
Indiana	1	2	.333	1
Milwaukee	1	2	.333	1
Detroit	0	3	.000	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division				
Memphis	4	0	1.000	—
Houston	4	0	1.000	—
Dallas	3	1	.750	1
San Antonio	1	1	.500	2
New Orleans	1	2	.333	2½

Northwest Division

Portland	1	2	.333	—
Minnesota	1	2	.333	—
Denver	1	2	.333	—
Oklahoma City	1	3	.250	½
Utah	1	3	.250	½

Pacific Division

Golden State	3	0	1.000	—
Sacramento	3	1	.750	½
L.A. Clippers	3	1	.750	½
Phoenix	2	1	.667	1
L.A. Lakers	0	4	.000	3½

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	2	0	.778	281	198
Buffalo	5	3	0	.625	178	165
Miami	5	3	0	.625	211	151
N.Y. Jets	1	8	0	.111	154	252

South						
Indianapolis	6	3	0	.667	290	211
Houston	4	5	0	.444	206	197
Tennessee	2	6	0	.250	137	202
Jacksonville	1	8	0	.111	141	251

North						
Cincinnati	5	2	1	.688	194	187
Pittsburgh	6	3	0	.667	248	219
Cleveland	5	3	0	.625	185	169
Baltimore	5	4	0	.556	240	174

West						
Denver	6	2	0	.750	245	185
Kansas City	5	3	0	.625	200	138
San Diego	5	4	0	.556	205	186
Oakland	0	8	0	.000	129	211

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East						
Philadelphia	6	2	0	.750	234	177
Dallas	6	3	0	.667	230	195
N.Y. Giants	3	5	0	.375	178	209
Washington	3	6	0	.333	197	229

South						
New Orleans	4	4	0	.500	227	198
Carolina	3	5	1	.389	177	236
Atlanta	2	6	0	.250	192	221
Tampa Bay	1	7	0	.125	150	245

North						
Detroit	6	2	0	.750	162	126
Green Bay	5	3	0	.625	222	191
Minnesota	4	5	0	.444	168	199
Chicago	3	5	0	.375	180	222

West						
Arizona	7	1	0	.875	192	156
Seattle	5	3	0	.625	202	174
San Francisco	4	4	0	.500	168	178
St. Louis	3	5	0	.375	149	220

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The Lady Ayuyus, who are now 2-3, only scored 7 points the entire game with 4 coming in the second period, 2 in the third quarter and 1 in the final canto. Hannelyn Cabrera, Juanita Jettley, and Natasha Ngiraisui made 2 markers each, while Rose Jones had a solitary point.

The Lady Dolphins, in contrast, had 10 players who scored 2 or more points with Rastguiy leading the way with 14, while Lopez and Pablo scattered 12 apiece. Pena finished with 11 markers.

MHS also found Mt. Carmel School to be an easy opponent after posting a 26-point win over the Lady Knights last week, 63-37.

The Lady Dolphins pulled away early and erected a 12-point edge after the 10 minutes of play with Ito and Pablo alternating in scoring the points

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on several occasions in the second and third periods and early part of the fourth behind Jerome Norita's hot shooting.

Norita, who finished with a season-high 55 points, scored 12 of Saipan Ice's 16 points in the third period to give his team a 64-62 cushion, entering the final quarter.

The game remained close in the first two minutes of the fourth period and was last tied at 70-all, before McDonald's went on a pivotal 18-4 run to finish off Saipan Ice. Siblings Mike and McLain Achas and Gil Gapor teamed up in the rally, while three others contributed at least one basket apiece in the scoring spree to end Saipan Ice's hopes of scoring an upset.

Mike Achas went on to top-score for McDonald's with his 26 points, while McLain

Tan Holdings Open 2014

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Men's doubles B division second placers Zeke Macario, left, and Deether Edralin pose for a photo during the awards ceremony.



▲ Some of the participants in the 2014 Tan Holdings Open pose for a group photo with Tan Holdings senior vice president Eli Arago, seventh left, during the opening ceremony of the annual tournament last Oct. 17.



From left, Northern Marianas Badminton Association vice president Roger Vales, left, joins women's doubles C runners-up Gigi Zapanta and Roxe Lazaro, and NMBA board director Shirley Kim for a group photo.



◀ Jongmin Lee, left, and Deether Edralin pose with their runner-up medals in the men's doubles A division of the Tan Holdings Open 2014 during the awards ceremony of the annual tournament at the Nami Bar in Kanoa Resort last Sunday.



Cheng Saturno, third left, receives the silver medal from NMBA officials, from left Merlie Tolentino, Roger Vales and Shirley Kim. Saturno and partner Jeff Riman placed second in the mixed doubles B division.



Mixed doubles A finalists Jordan, third left, and Janelle Pangilinan, fourth left, pose with, from left, NMBA secretary general Merlie Tolentino, vice president Roger Vales, and board director Shirley Kim.



Mixed doubles C silver medalists Patrick Fernandez, third left, and partner Baby Banadera pose with NMBA officials.



Joel Ortega, third left, receives the silver medal after he and wife Alma placed second in the mixed doubles over-40 division.



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MHS varsity spotless in MISO caging

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REPORTER

Marianas High School's varsity squad remained undefeated in the ongoing 2014 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Girls Basketball League at the MHS Gymnasium.

The Lady Dolphins, unofficially, are currently 4-0 after posting one of the most lopsided victories against the Kagman High School Ayuyus' varsity side this season.

MHS has been banking on a solid unit built behind Neghar Rastguiy, Kyla Ito, Dianne Pablo, Joy Pena, and Mikayla



Lopez, who had been dishing out double-digit numbers in their past few matches. All five players had a

combined average of 55 points per game with Rastguiy leading the bunch with 13 per outing.

The defending champions were merciless in their latest victory—a 67-6 whipping of

the Lady Ayuyus last October 29—or two days before the league had a brief break due to the Halloween festivities on Friday and preparation for the election yesterday.

The Lady Dolphins held a team scoreless for the first time in one quarter this season, as Kagman failed to buy a bucket against MHS' sticky defense. The Lady Ayuyus also committed a number of errors and these certainly did not help their cause.

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Marianas High School's Jenny Lee, 10, tries to keep ball possession against the defense of Mt. Carmel School's Janasia Travilla, top, and Masani Sato during their game in the MISO caging last week at the MHS Gymnasium.



McDonald's ends skid, tops Saipan Ice

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McDonald's wrapped up its regular season campaign in the 2014 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League on a winning note after downing Saipan Ice & Water, 90-79, last Monday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

McDonald's finished the round-robin elimination with an even 4-4 record and snapped its four-game losing skid. The fast food chain won its first three games in the nine-team field and lost its next four before regaining its bearing in its last game in the elimination round to notch the No. 5 spot in the team standings and advance to the playoffs against fourth-ranked Micronesian Brokers, Inc./Anchor.

Saipan Ice is out of the playoffs as it fell to a 2-6 mark and placed No. 7 in the leaderboard. Only the Top 6 teams will make the cut with the Top 2 automatically moving into the semifinals and the next

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four going through the first round of the playoffs.

Despite facing elimination as early as last week, Saipan Ice put up a gallant

stand against McDonald's as the former showed up for the match with only five players, engaged its foe to a close game, and even took the lead



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
McDonald's Charlie Achas pulls up for a shot against Saipan Ice's Joel Fernandez during the fourth quarter of their game in the JP World caging last Monday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

SSC lines up 13 events for All Schools meet

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Saipan Swim Club will hold the 21st All Schools Swimming Championships this Saturday with 13 events lined up at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

The club will kick off the competition with the 400m freestyle race for high school

and junior high students. Other events scheduled are the 200m medley relay for elementary, junior high, and high school; 200m freestyle for junior high and high school; 50m and 100m backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, and freestyle for all divisions; 200m individual medley for junior high and high school; and 200m freestyle relay for all divisions.

There will be separate divisions for boys and girls, while the elementary category

will be divided into two age groups, 10-and-under, and 11-and-above. Each participant is allowed to swim in two individual events and one relay, while schools can field as many swimmers as they want to in individual and relay races. However, only the Top 2 swimmers (individual races) and top relay team per school will receive points, which will be totaled to determine the champions in

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
A swimmer competes in the 100m freestyle race during a local meet last month at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool, which will be busy again this weekend with Saipan Swim Club hosting the All Schools meet.